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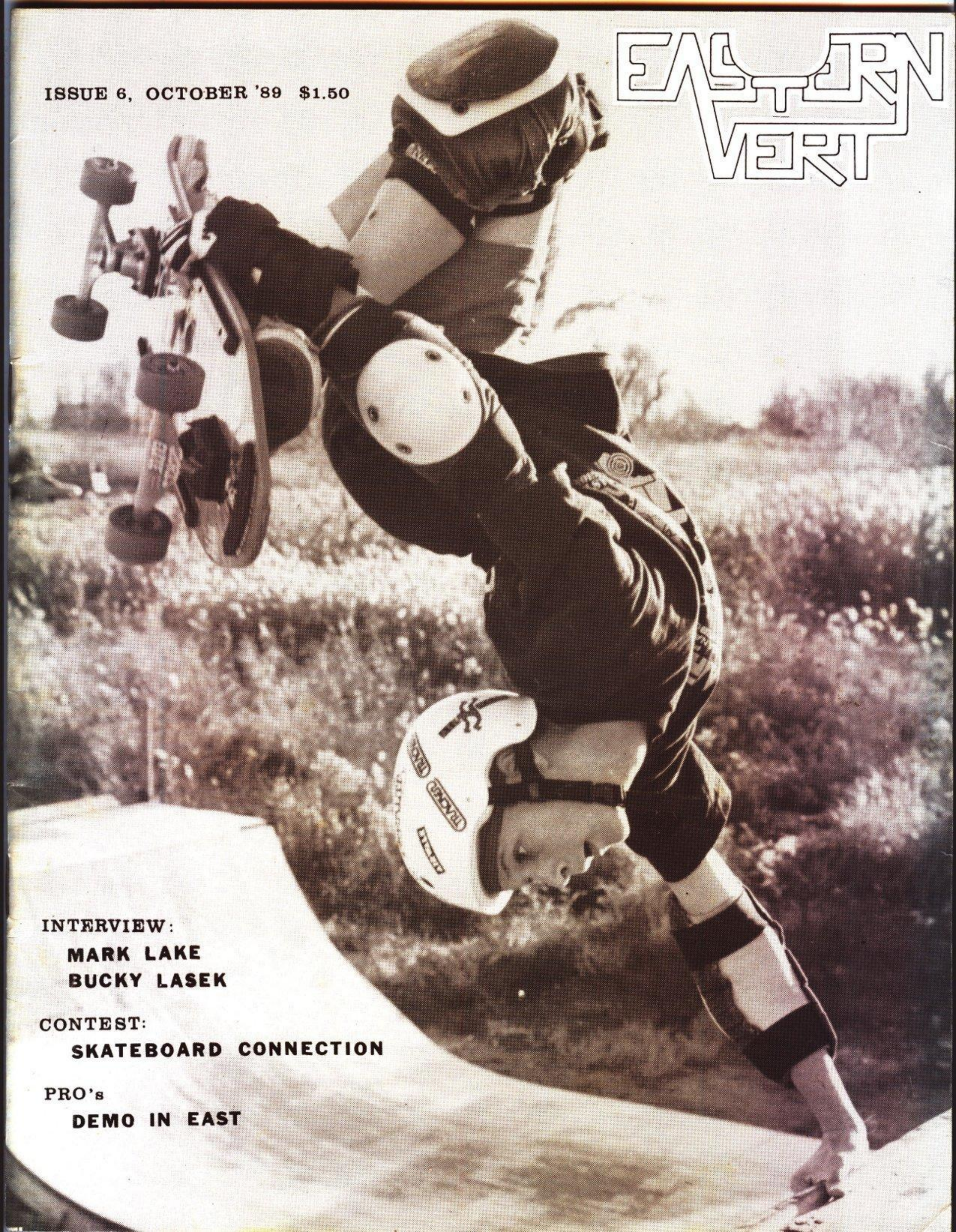

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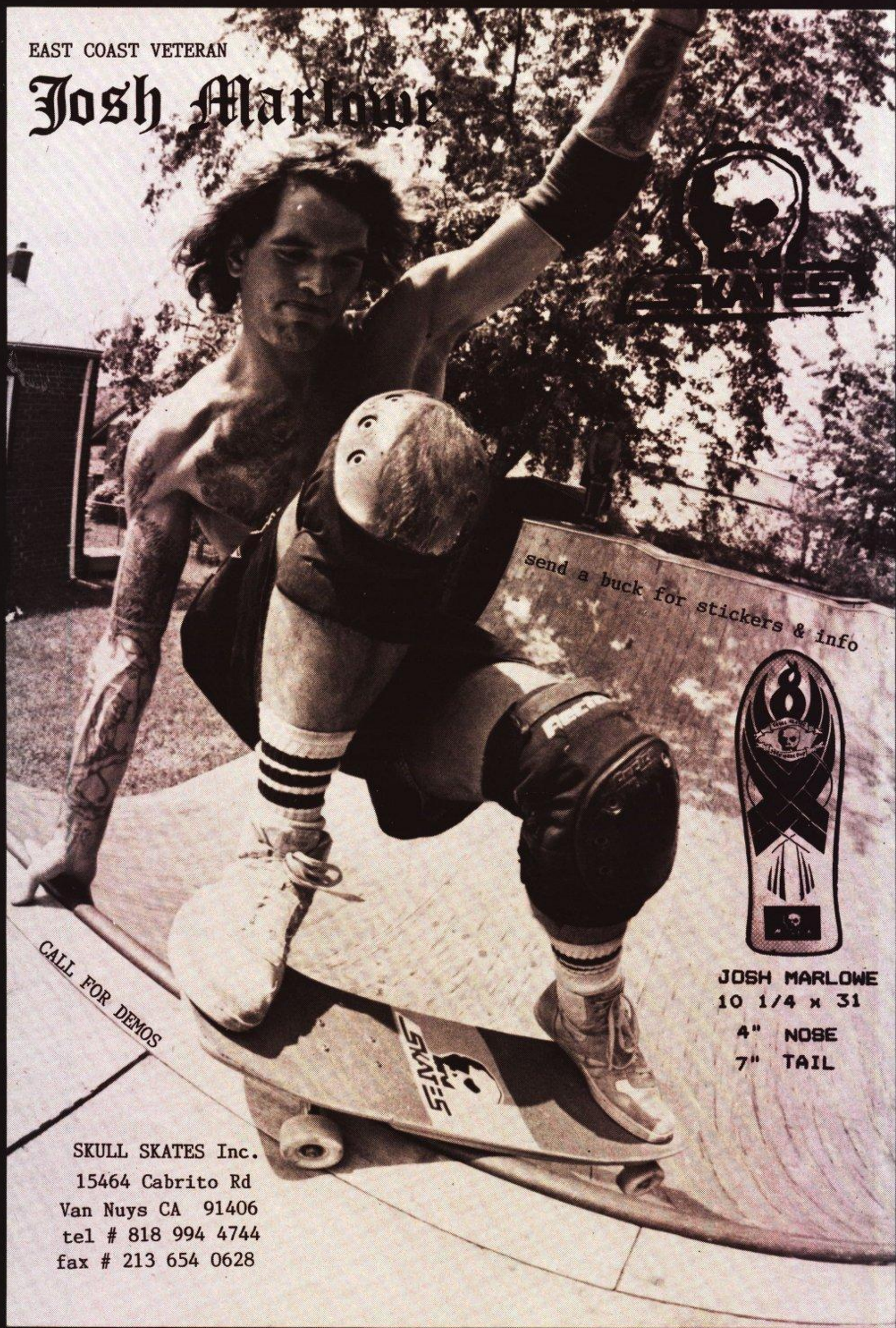
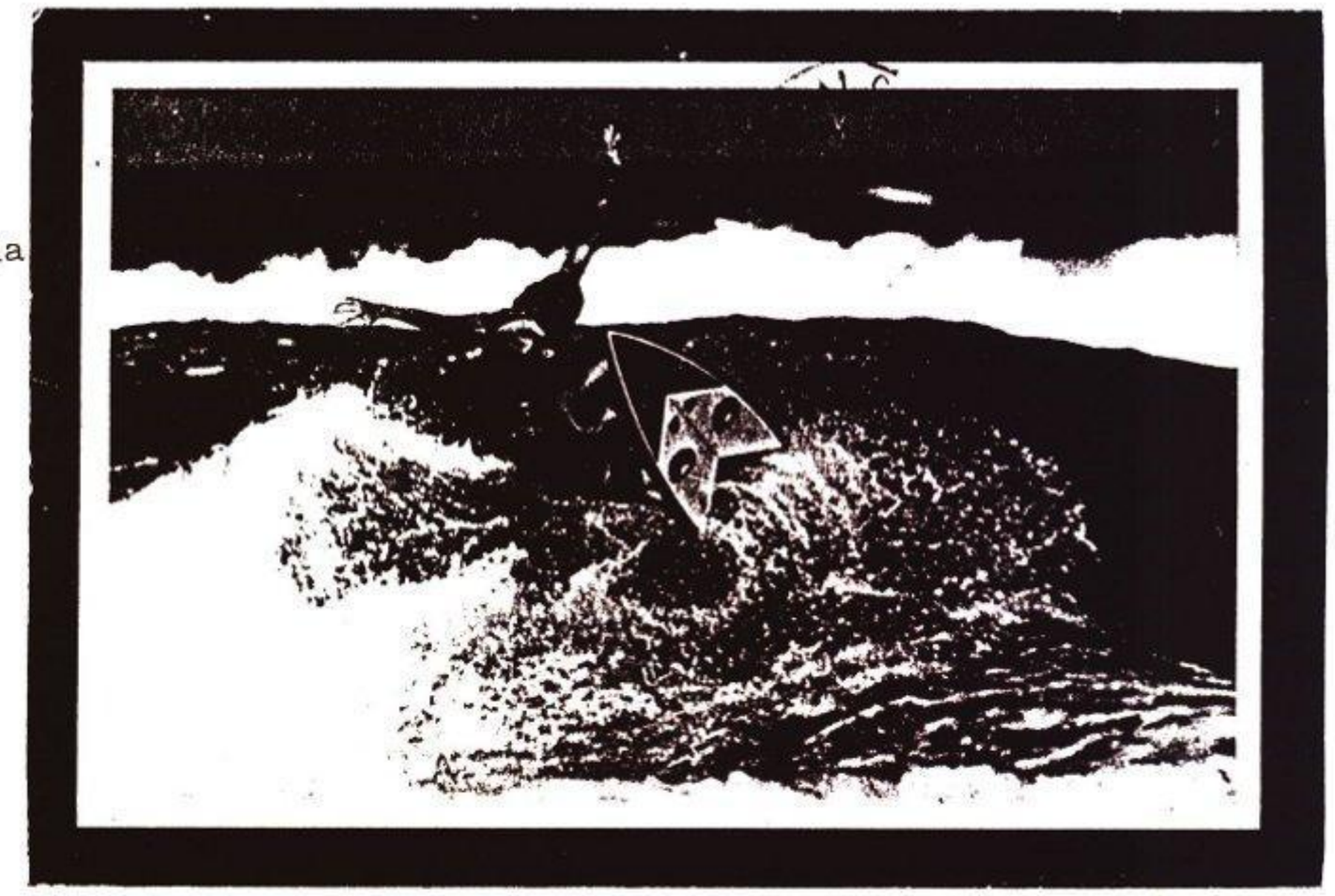


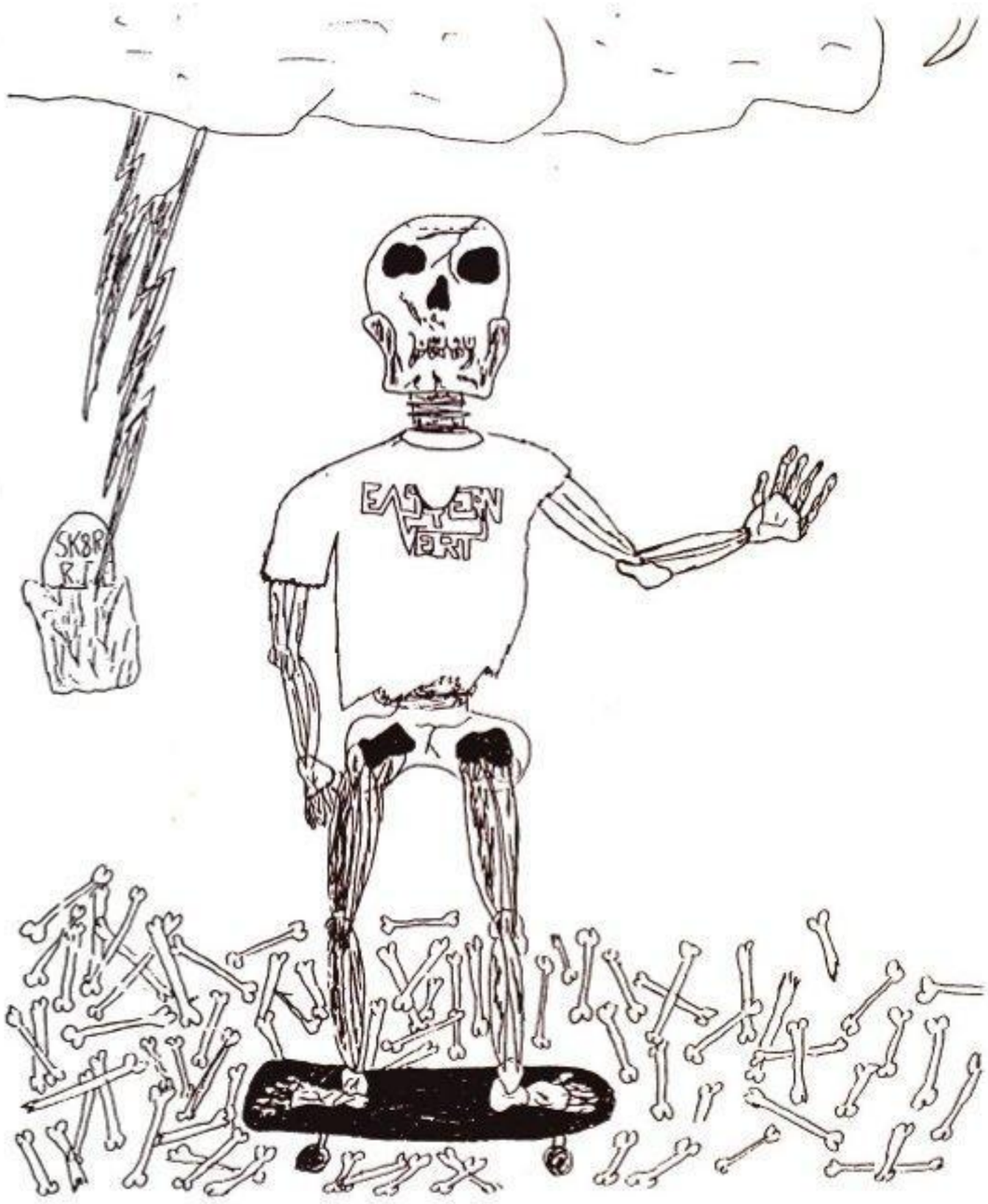
FEEDBACK

HELLOWWWW??

Hello Keith & Sean. Howzit Bruddas?
I'm visiting my mom in Melbourne, Fla and thought I'd send a photo of myself?!! (See photo at right)
It's warm and sandy and I'm looking for an empty pool.

Later,
Brian J.
Somewhere in Florida





Art by: ALEX O'SHIELDS

FRIENDS,

Thanks much, latest E.V. was very enjoyable....really makes you want some vert- true fun.
Back issues would be nice, yes, nice.
Any more of #3 & #4? Those are my interest, enclosed is $4 for said issues, hopefully.
I've found ramps to be extremely fun as of late. Vert holds joy.... hot damn, I want to skate bad.
Greenville, S.C. is pretty fun.

Thanks much,
Evan Mann
Due West, S.C.

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"LET'S TURN PRO"

Fiction by: MIKE COBLER

"Hey ripper, how'd ya do at the pro contest last week?"
"Hot man!!! I made the cut to 60!"
"Really, Damn that's too hot!"
"Thanks, man, that's better than I ever did as an Am."
"Yeah, you're rippin' now that you turned pro. How did you talk your sponsor into letting you go pro. Your best contest finish was 15th at the Ace Laundromat & Hair Removal Contest."
"Yeah, I know. Dastardly Skates just needed a pro, and I had some experience plus I had an idea for the killer deck graphics."
"Hot!! How's your deck selling?"
"Great!! I sold 2,000 last month!!"
"No way! I guess you must be rippin on the new tricks?"
"Yeah, I can grind pretty consistent, and I make airs 2 wheels out once in a while."
"Man that's stokin'. Last time I saw you, you couldn't even grind a curb."
"Yeah, since I turned pro I've progressed so fast. I've almost got up the balls to drop in."
"I guess you're doing a lot of traveling now?"
"Sorta, now that I'm pro I have to skate twice a month. I've got to be committed you know."
"Sounds rough."
"Yeah, but the money's O.K. You know, you ought to think about turning pro yourself. I hear Dastardly is looking for another pro."
"Really, do you think I could do it?"
"Totally, you've got experience don't you?"
"Well, I never actually owned a skate, but I do have a Metallica poster in my room."
"Hot!! Maybe I can hook you up."

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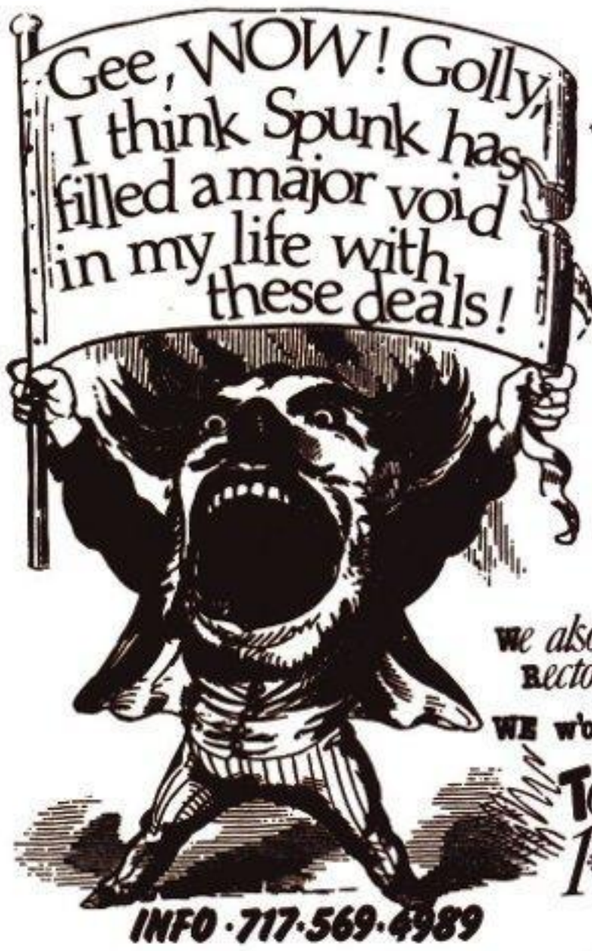

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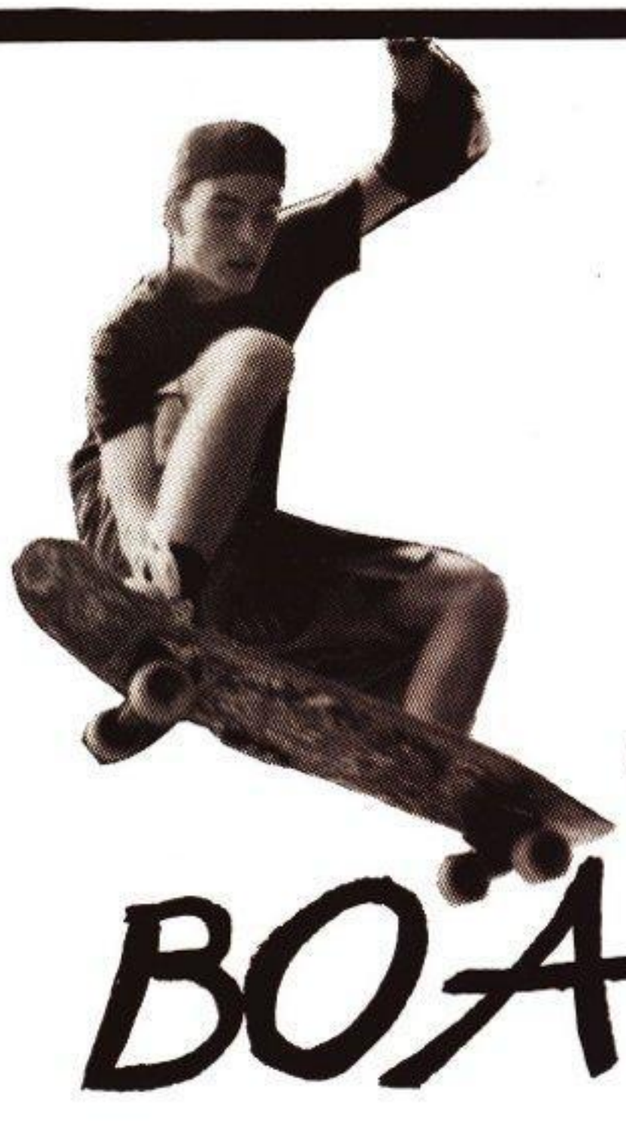

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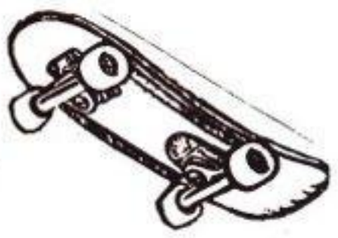

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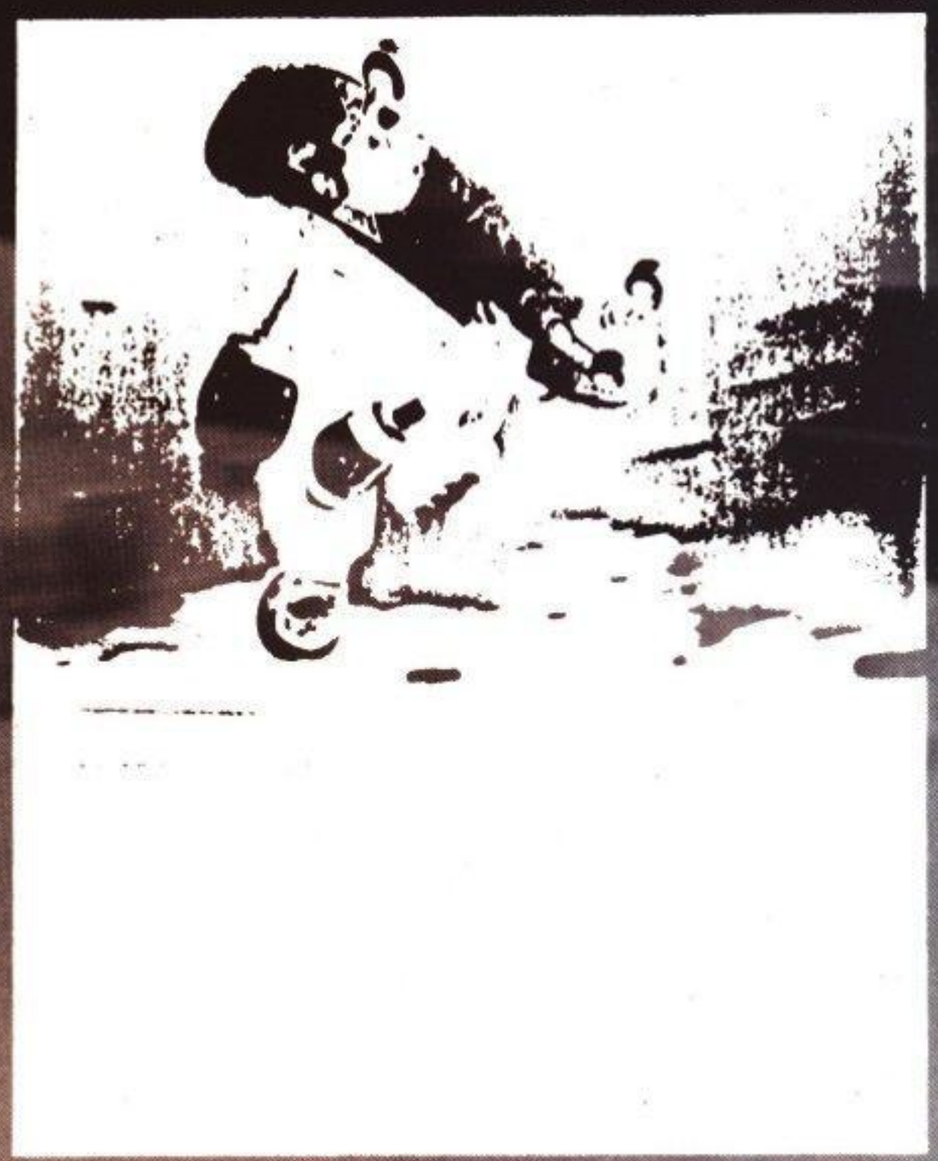

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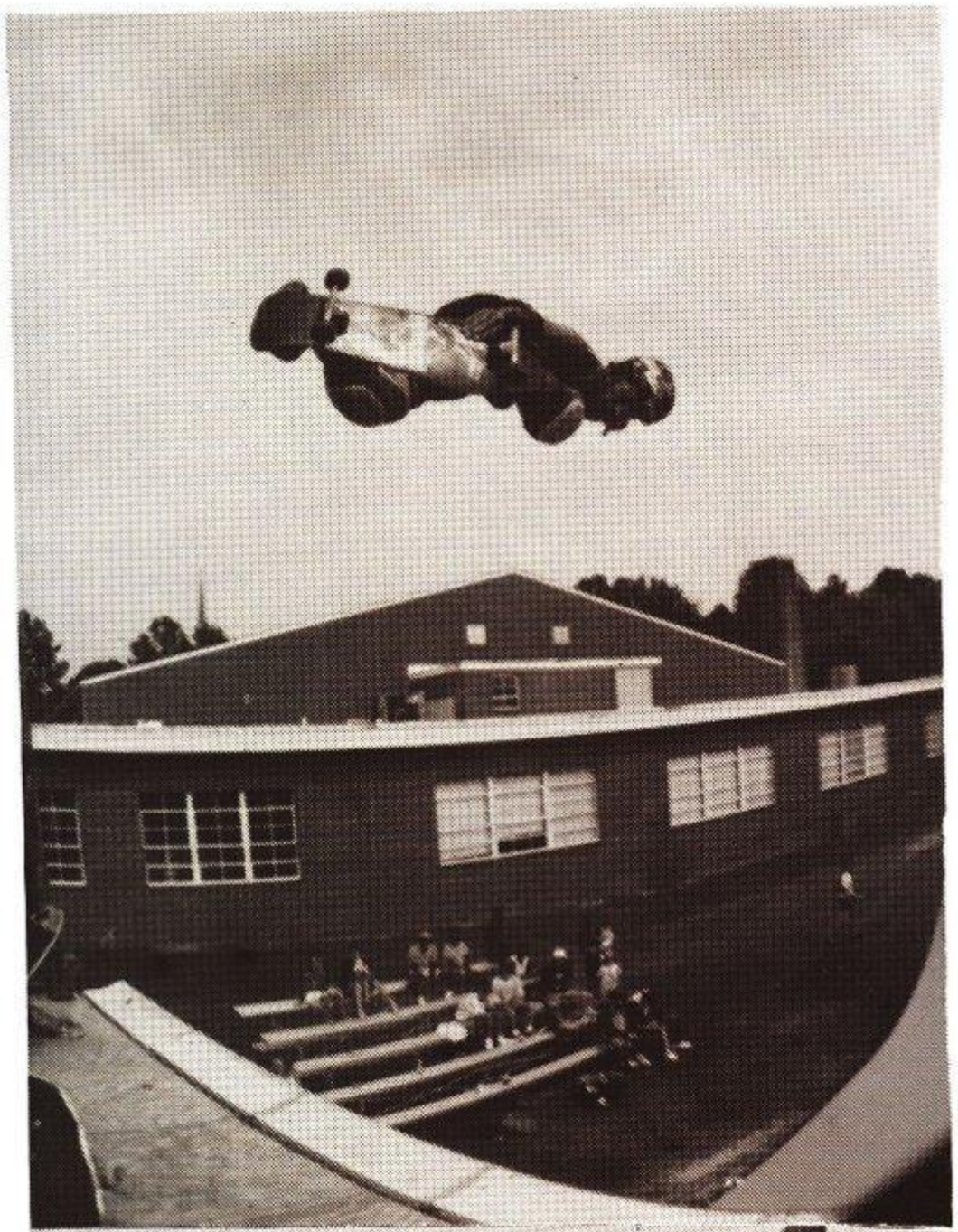
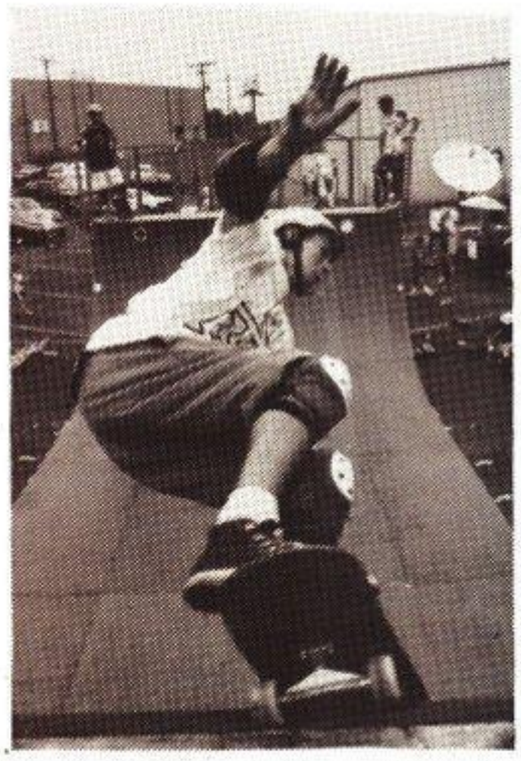


SEAN JONES
18, Lexington, N.C.

2nd- Asheville, N.C.
3rd- Wally's Jam, W-S, N.C.
5th- Bayville Slam, V.B., VA
4th- Cedar Crest Memorial, VA
5th- Thrashmore at Trashmore, V.B., VA
3rd- Sk8board Conn/ Vert, Augusta, GA



REED TYSINGER
19, Greensboro, N.C.

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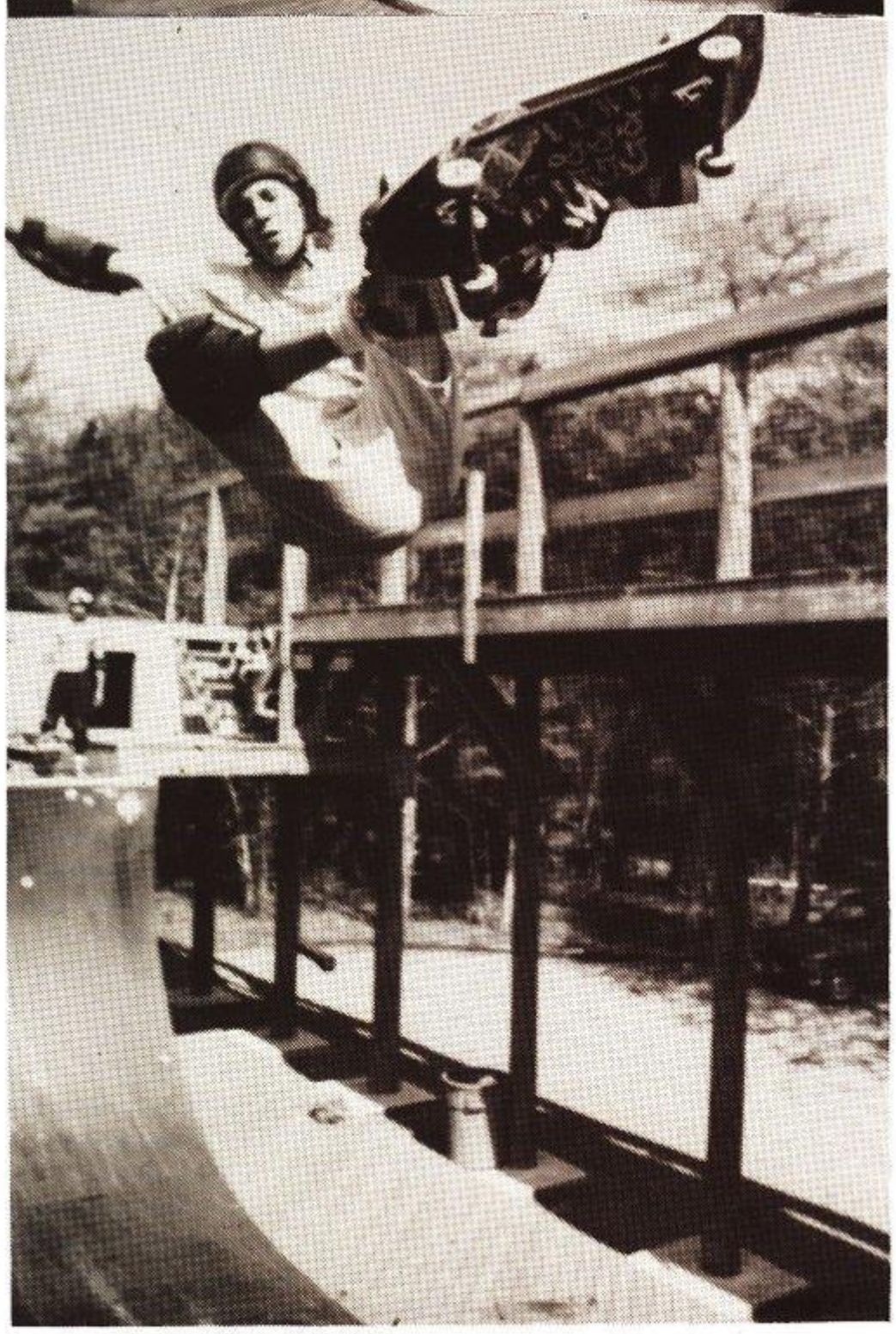

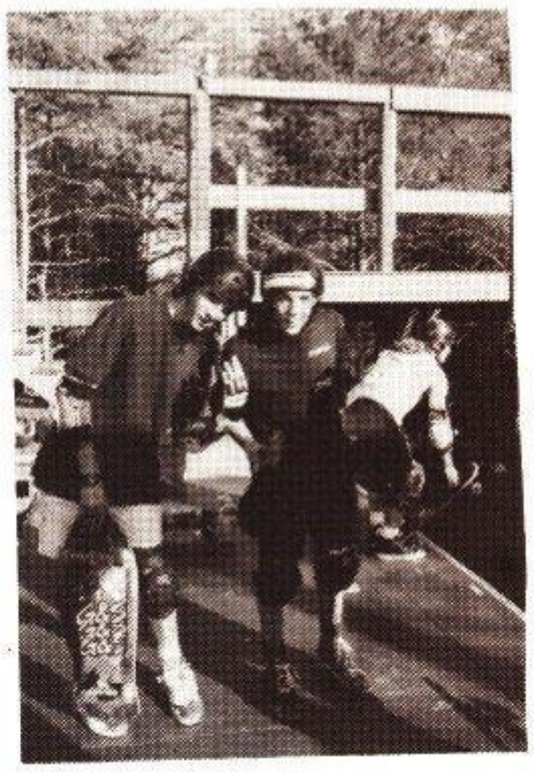

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18, Wellsville, PA

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7th- WSA Michigan, Lansing, MI
8th- NSA District, Ocean City, MD

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19, Alexandria, VA

2nd- Underground, Huntsville, ALA
4th- WSA Michigan, Lansing, MI
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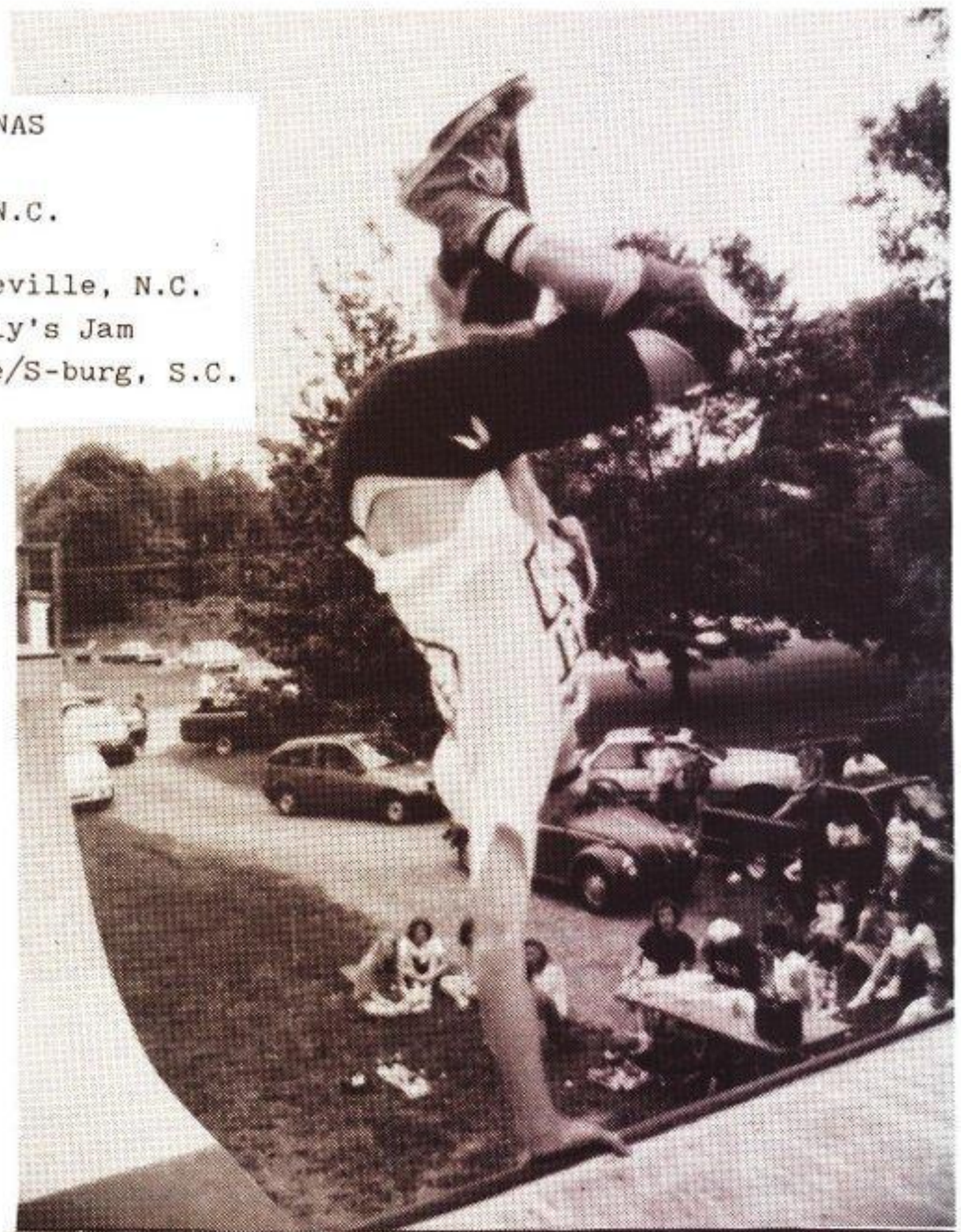
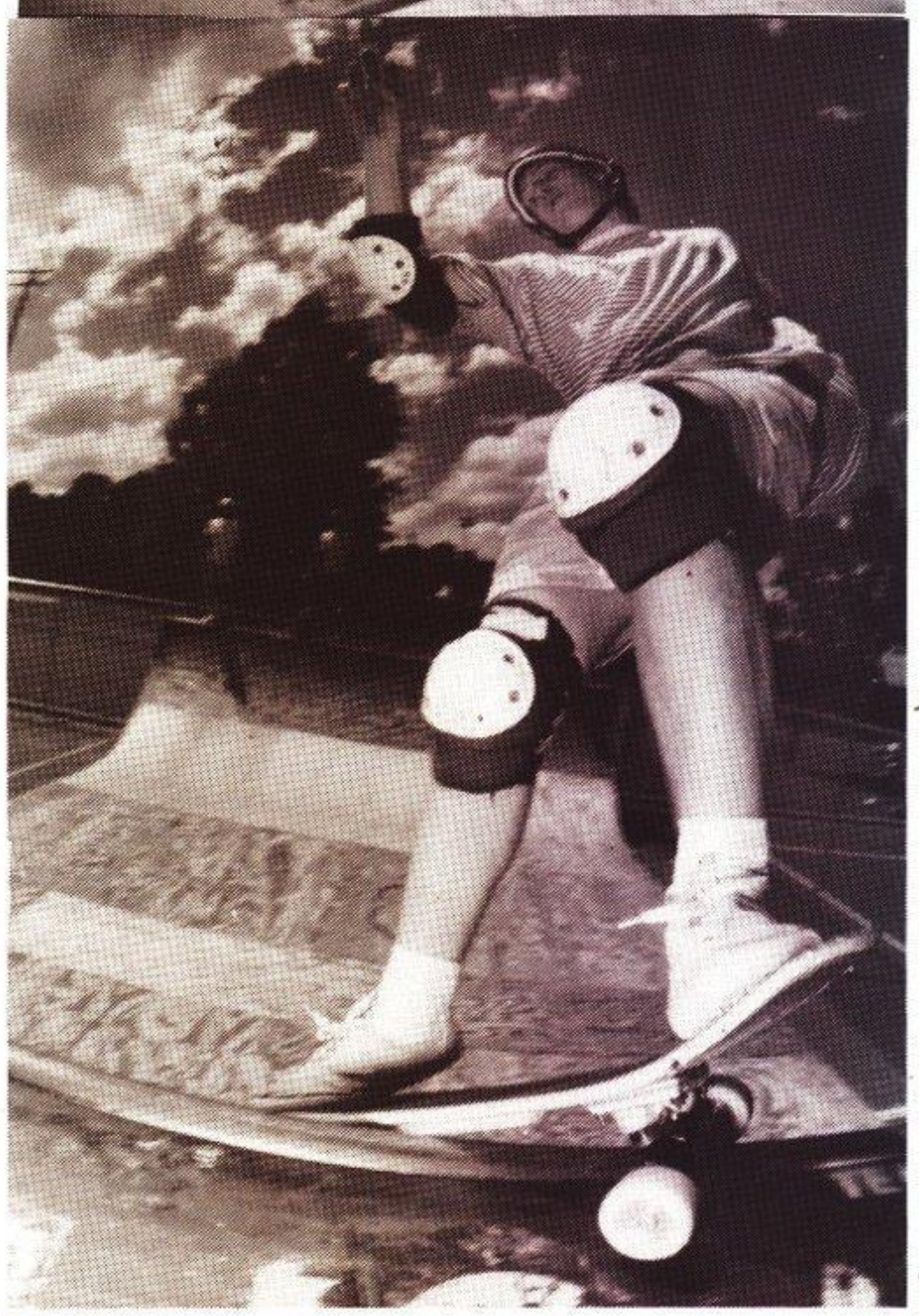
NEAL HENDRIX
16, Lewisville, N.C.

1st- Wally's Jam, W-S, N.C.
1st- Wave. S-burg, S.C.
4th- Thrashmore at Trashmore, V.B., VA
1st- Sk8board Conn/ MINI, Augusta, GA
2nd- Sk8board Conn/ VERT, Augusta, GA

AARON JONAS
23,
Newton, N.C.

1st- Asheville, N.C.
2nd- Wally's Jam
5th- Wave/S-burg, S.C.





MIKE SINCLAIR
16, Durham, N.C.

2nd- MINI, Greenville, N.C.
2nd- STREET, Greenville, N.C.
3rd- STREET, Fayetteville, N.C.
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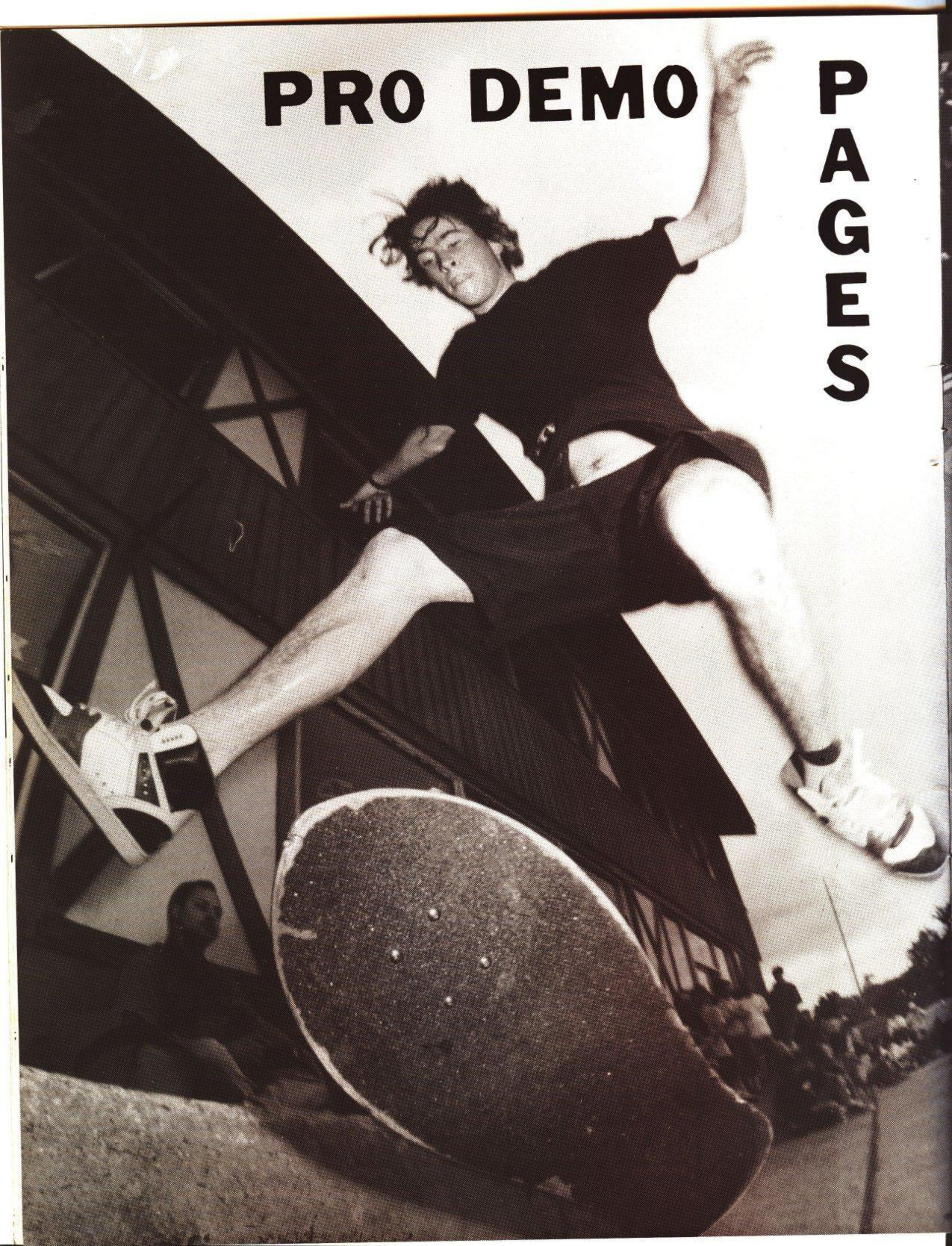
2nd- MINI, Sk8board Conn, Augusta, GA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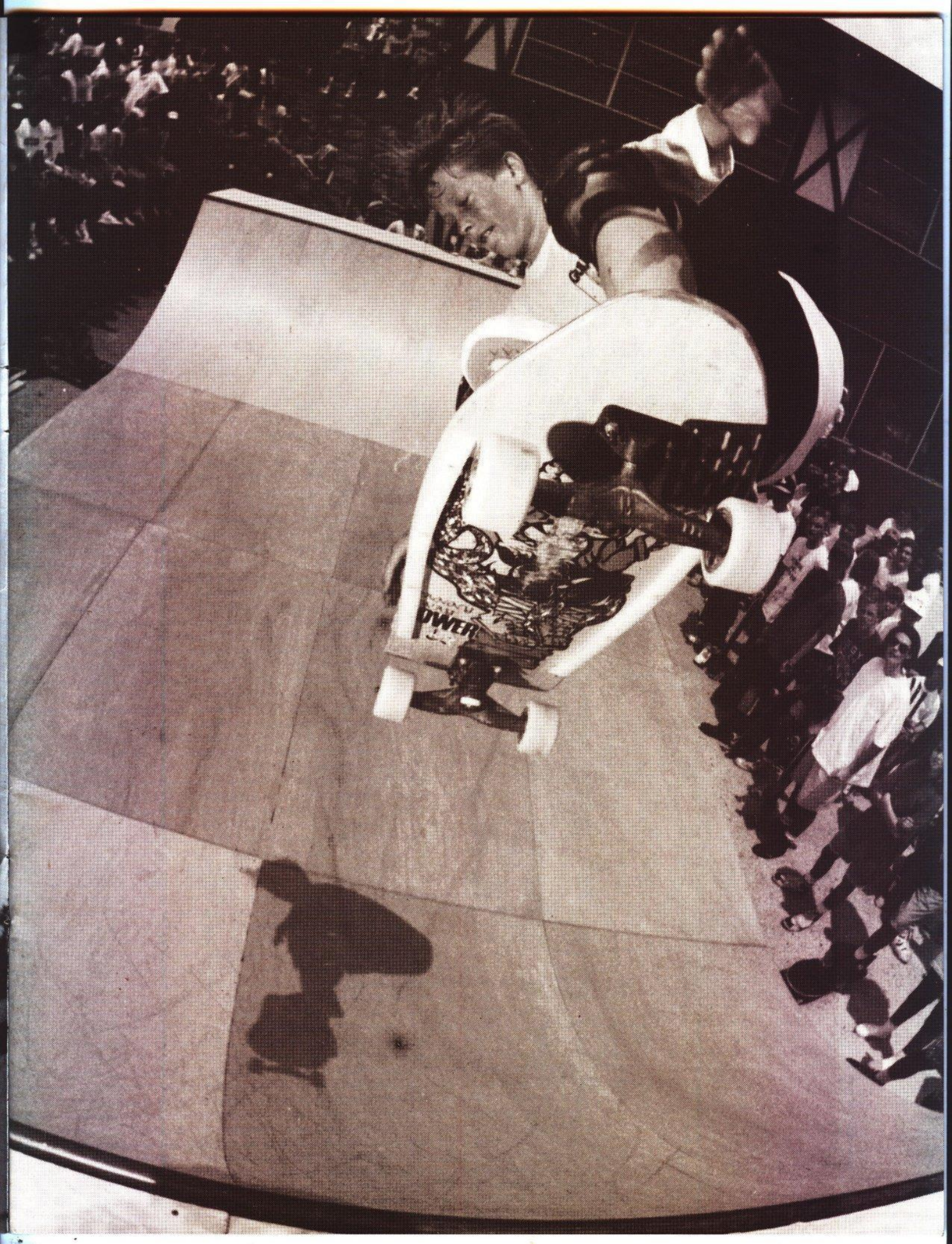

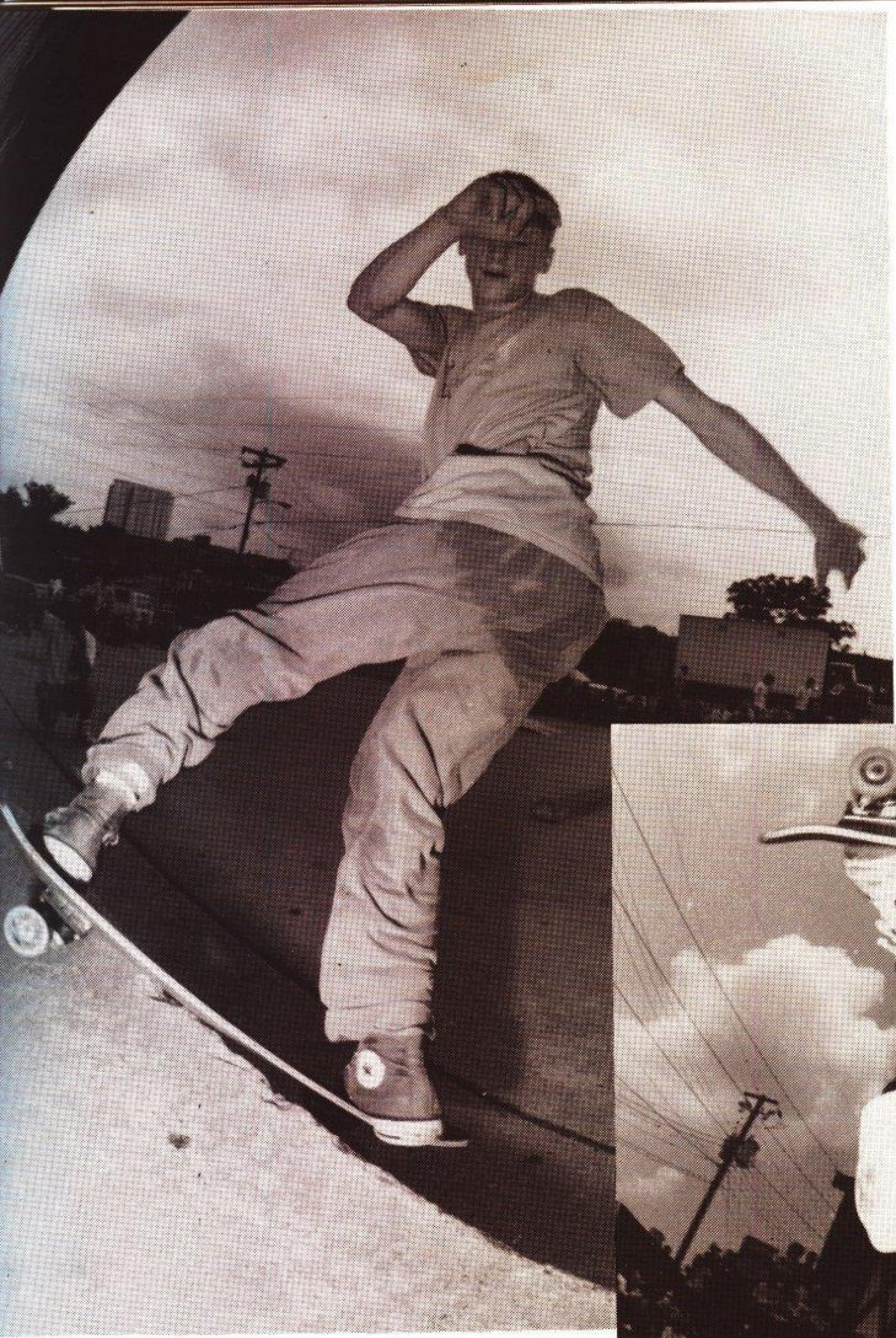

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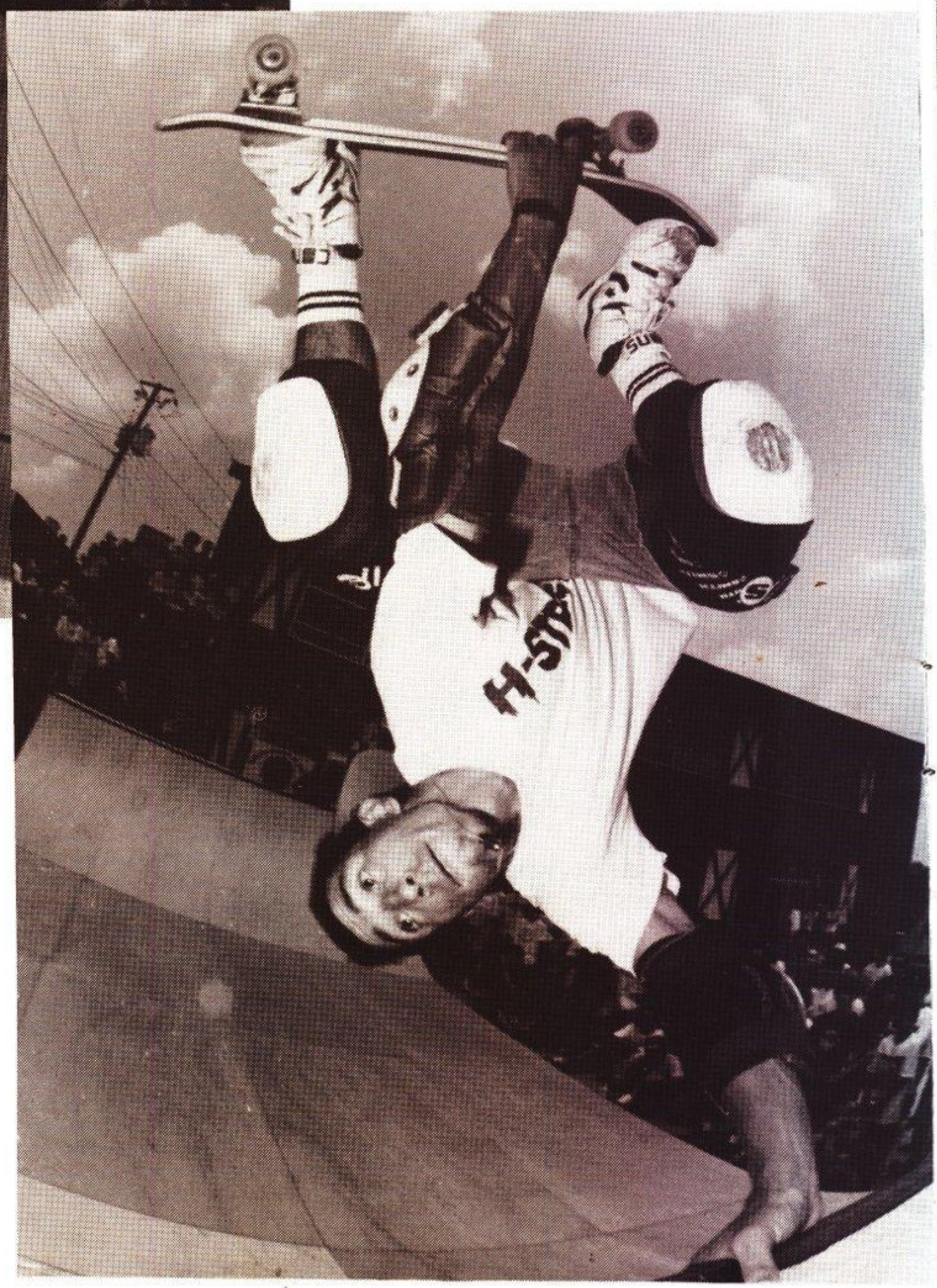

Above:
MIKE VALLELY
Right:
EDDIE EL GATO

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JASON LEE
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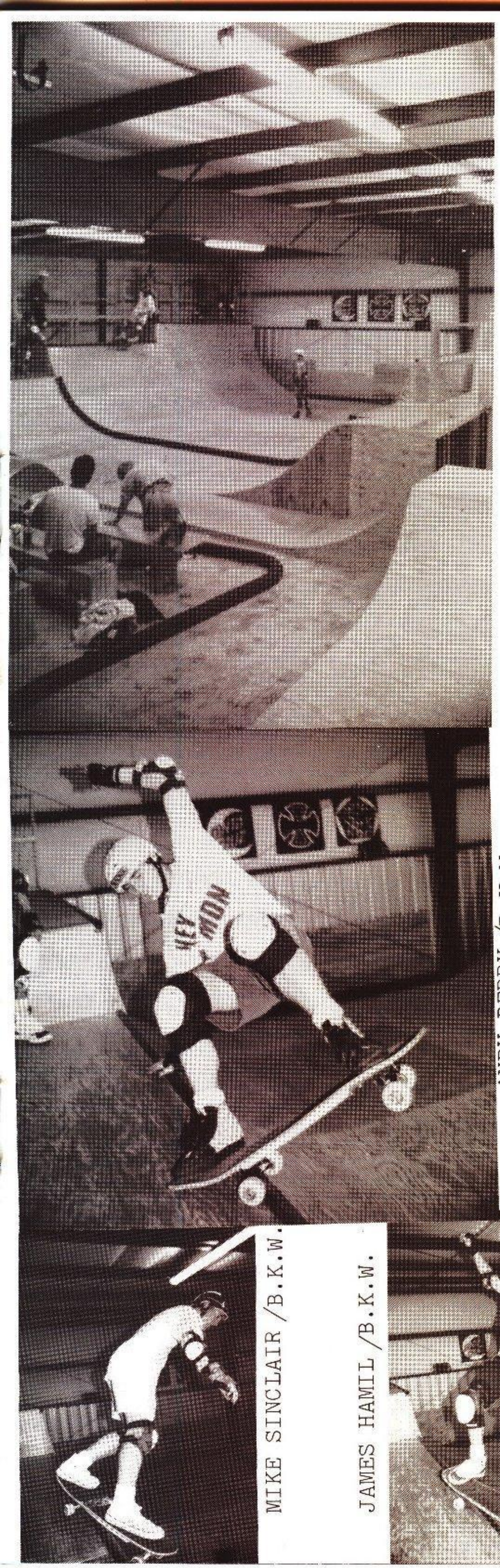
Demo preformed at:
ENDLESS GRIND
RALEIGH, N.C.

Transitions skateboard park in Greenville, S.C. was built by Andy Berry for the purpose of giving local kids an organized indoor ramp to skate. The ramp which goes from 8' tall to about 3' is 40' wide in all with different levels. A low ceiling prevented him from building a large ramp, but he recently added another mini-ramp behind the main ramp. A cool scene and fun ramps, and indoors too.

written by: NEAL HENDRIX



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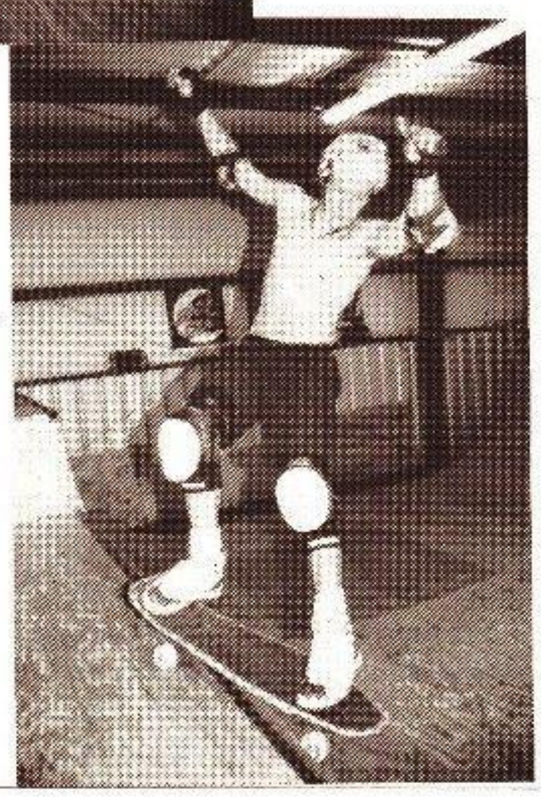

JAMES HAMIL /B.K.W.

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EAST COAST PRO:

MARK LAKE

Photos by: STEVE GAIOLINI

EV- How old are you?

ML- I am 31 years old.

EV- How long have you been skating pro?

ML- I turned pro in 1976. I probably skated, you could say, actually skated since about 1968, when I first picked up my first skateboard and started cruising around.

EV- What was the first park you skated? Can you remember?

ML- The very first park I skated was called, ah, what was the name of it? It was Paved Wave in Cocoa Beach and it was the first park in Florida.

EV- Oh, really? I always thought Kona was the first park.

ML- No, it was before Kona and then there was Solid Surf and then, I believe, Kona came in after that.

EV- Kona came about '76 didn't it?

ML- Kona was before '76, because that's where I made my pro debut, at Kona, in '76. Which was the East Coast versus the West Coast big duel.

EV- What was your favorite park of all the parks you've skated?

ML- Cherry Hill, New Jersey by far.

EV- What about Stone-edge? Could you tell us a little about that? I know you were one of the main guys in the design of that.

ML- Stone Edge Skateboard Park. O.K., it's different from the older parks because there's not really banked transitions in it. There's no banks. It's all transition is what it is. You know, transition bowls. More updated modern designs. They've got the U-bowl and then they've got a , I guess you'd call it a keyhole pool, and, um, then they've got a teardrop shaped bowl in the back and they also have a cloverleaf type one in the front, and did I say the big ramp? Then they have the big ramp that's about all they have there right now. Steel surface ramp.

EV- Is that the first park you've helped design?

ML- Let me think, no. I have helped out with other parks. I can't even remember which ones they were. There were a couple other ones in Ft. Lauderdale, Skateboard U.S.A., there's Skateboard Haven. I've helped with a few

of those and other parks. Where they've been built they've contacted me by phone and I just gave them some basic designs and dimensions over the phone and stuff like that. But, Stone-Edge is probably the one I worked with the most actually.

EV- Have you been active as far as contests lately? I know running your own business is rough.

ML- Nope, I'm trying to think what was the last year I competed. I started the company, let's see this is '89. '88, '87, I started the company I think in like the middle of '86. So 1985 was the last year I competed, I believe, and at the end of the year in the N.S.A. I was ranked like about 24th, I think. 24th ranked and that was the first time I competed in 5 years. That was when I had to make the decision on next year of doing the pro circuit or going into business for myself. And I chose to go into business.

EV- Yeah, that's a real big decision.

ML- Yeah, it was real hard because I did a lot better than I thought I would on the pro circuit and I was really looking forward to the next year. Then just being confronted with the business thing and with my age and everything like that, you know, I had to more lean toward that.

EV- And eventually make a living, right?

ML- Exactly. Being an East Coast skater, I'm not going to make a living off my skating alone.

EV- Yeah, that was another question I was going to ask. Why stay here? Everyone that turns pro, maybe they figure to make it big, go West. Why did you stay here?

ML- Why did I stay here? Because I like East Coast a lot better than the West Coast and I had other ways of making money than my skating. It wasn't like I had to move out there, you know, and I still got to skate as much as I wanted to. I didn't have to sacrifice any of my skating by staying here. I may have sacrificed some money making off of my skating. I had other ways of making money.

EV- From a manufacturers point of view, do you think it would be better for your company to be here or on the West Coast?

ML- For me, as long as I've been on the East Coast and everything, I think the East Coast would be the best place for me, because that's where I'm the most well known and everything like that. You know, it's easier for me starting out here. It would be kind of hard for me to break into the West Coast, but there will be a day,

EV- You've been in skating a long time, do you think the East Coast has always been a hotbed of skating the West has just never recognized?

ML- It was recognized back in the mid 70's 'cause there were about 5 or 6 magazines that did come out and we got recognition real good for a full year and that was when skating took its big plunge, with the insurance problem and the market being flooded also. Ever since then all the magazines went down and there hasn't been any since. There are the one's in California, so it's kinda gone back to the way it was. East Coast, no coverage, West Coast, full coverage.

EV- Do you think the market is flooded now?

ML- No, it isn't. I think the larger companies and everything like that have a little bit of control over who gets in and who doesn't as far as a new company starting out. If they don't know who they are and if they know they're not there to promote the sport, not just there to make money, then they won't let them in. They won't get the backing they need to survive. I don't think the top skaters, pro skaters would back a shitty company these days like they used to. It's more than money now.

EV- I work in a pro shop and it seems like we have 600 pro models to choose from any more.

ML- There is a lot, but I don't think it's flooded yet. A lot of the new pro things, why you see so many pro models now is because of street skating. Before you didn't have that. You know, if you take away all your street models, how many models would you have left?

EV- Not many, that's a good point.

ML- That's how I look at it. That's increased the pro ranks by 2/3 you know. You've seen a 50 to 60% jump in pros since all the street skating started happening.

EV- What do you think of some type of qualifier for people to turn pro? Like where you have to enter so many contests. Do you think that would be something beneficial, or do you think the way it's working now, where they decide when they want to turn pro?

ML- Well, actually, I think it's not so much up to the individual himself saying, "oh, I'm going to turn pro now." He's also got to have the backing from a company that will give him a model. So, I think it should be left up to the manufacturer. If they really wanna promote this guy and if they think that he is a good enough

skater to do it, you know. 'Cause there are some skaters who are pros that I know alot of amateurs that are better than some of the pros, but they are a good marketing item. I mean, they have a great personality, they knoe how to get out there and talk to the kids and promote the product. It isn't just all skating. Skating, you know, that is probably the most important factor, but attitude has a lot to do with it too.

EV- So, is that something that when you are picking, maybe even ams, is that something that you would look for?

ML- Sure, the attitude is, I would say is real close to 50% of picking a team.

EV- That's something a lot of skaters ask and they never really understand how people pick their team.

ML- Right, exactly. Like, they'll see this guy and say, "Oh, he isn't that great, How'd he get on the team?" You know, because he has the right attitude. I mean, you can have the greatest skater in the world and if he's got a shitty attitude and he's going around telling all the kids, "Stick it here, stick it here." It isn't really gonna help your name at all, no matter how good a skater he is.

EV- Back to you, personally do you feel as you've grown older you've lost some of your skating ability or do you feel that it's stayed even or gained?

ML- The only thing that I've actually lost, the thing I've lost, I don't think any of it has to do with age. I've lost a little bit of consistency in my skating. You, know, I don't have as many tricks as I used to. The ones I do, I do really well, but, um, the only loss isn't because of age, it's because of time. I don't have the time to put into skating like I used to. You know, if I could skate anywhere from 4 to 6 hours every day, I'd be skating better than I ever have in my life. Just because of the update in equipment and the terrain also. Ramps are a lot easier to skate than the old bowls with kinked transitions and everything like that. It's a lot easier learning stuff now. It's just a matter of time for me. The only thing I actually notice in my skating is my endurance isn't what it used to be. You know, it's a lot harder for me to do a long contest run, & to get in enough tricks. But, then again, if I was training everyday I think that endurance would come back.

EV- What do you think about the future of mini-ramps?

ML- There will probably be skaters who skate mini-ramps really good that will get models but I guess that could be another phase of another pro thing going through. It depends on if there ends up being a lot of pro mini-ramp contests. Right now there isn't

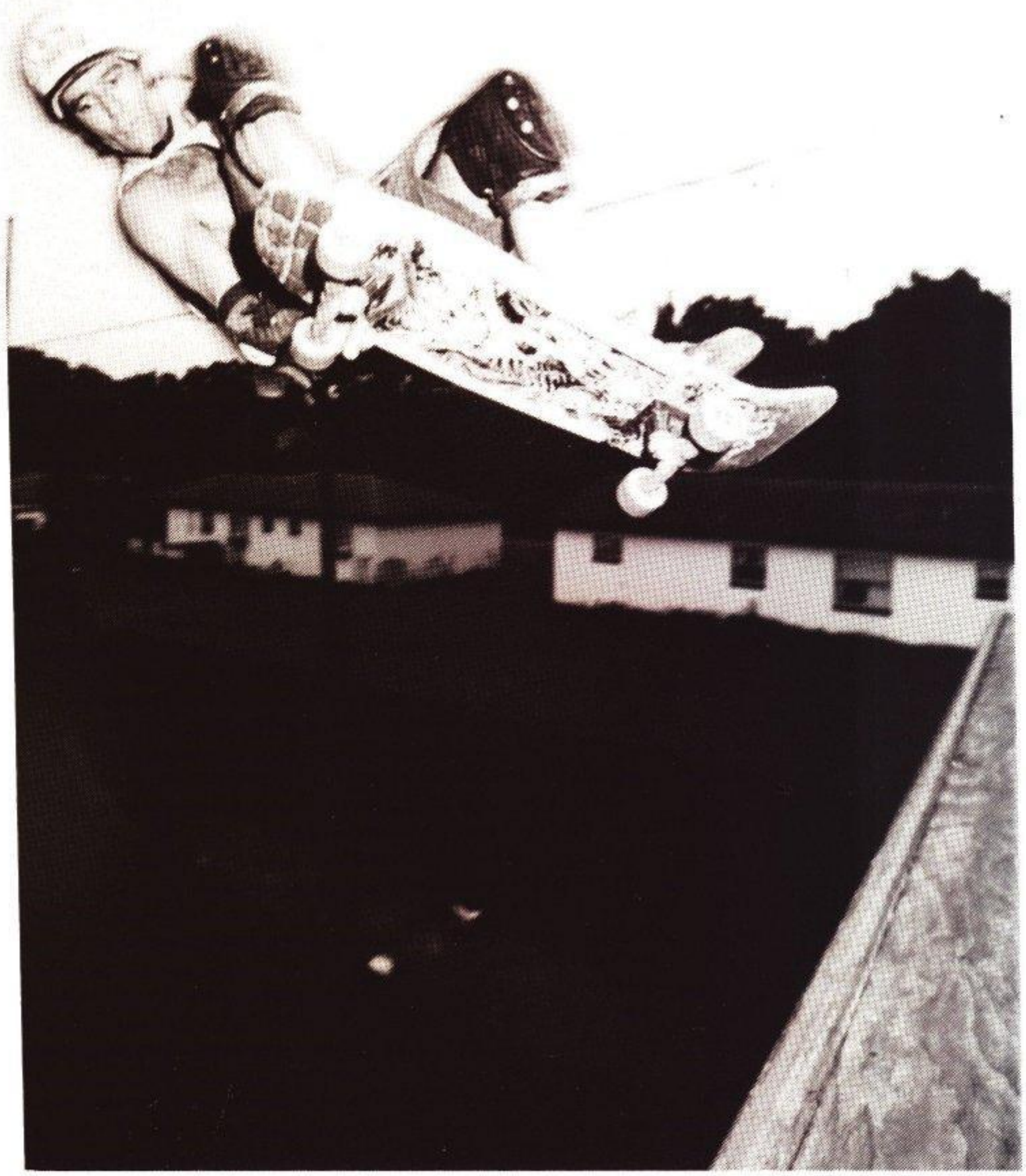
a lot and I think skating is going to lead toward you're going to have to be a good all around skater, not just skate a mini-ramp or not just skate street, & not just be able to be a vert skater. You're gonna have to be able to do mini-ramp, vert, and street.

EV- I think they are trying to lean the circuit that way now.

ML- Yeah, I think it's better that way. Your overall skater, you know. I mean, everybody has their one event that they really do specialize in good, which for me is vert. But, I'm learning right now. I'm going through a learning thing, learning to skate mini-ramps and they're really fun. It's good to take your tricks from the mini-ramp to the vertical ramp.

EV- I think you're going to see a big progression of tricks. People learning them on mini-ramps first.

ML- I think you've already seen that. I've already seen a ton of tricks that you wouldn't even think of doing on a vertical ramp, but they have been done on mini-ramp. So, that brings the thought in your head, I can do that on vert too. So, the mini-ramp is definately a positive thing that has happened in the last year or so.



EV- Another question from the manufacturers standpoint. If someone came up to you, basically you sponsor East Coast pros, would you sponsor one of the West Coast pros?

ML- Oh, sure, definately. I would sponsor a West Coast skater that was going to represent us good out there in a heartbeat. I haven't really been out there myself since I've started the company and I haven't went out there and looked for someone in California. But, if someone did come along that was a good skater, I would be more than willing and able to put them on. Definately, I would be looking for a couple of skaters out there as a matter of fact.

EV- What pros do you sponsor right now?

ML- I sponsor Bob Umbel, Tommy Koesel, Brad Baxter and myself. That's it.

EV- Who else gives you support as far as your sponsors?

ML- My sponsorship? O.K., I'm sponsored by Billabong clothing, Santa Cruz Speed Wheels Gullwing trucks and Rector pads.

EV- Where all have you been, as far as traveling?

ML- Mainly I've been pretty much everywhere in the United States. I've covered the whole U.S. I've been to Canada and the Bahamas & then just recently to Australia.

EV- Tell us a little about Australia. What did you go down there for?

ML- Well, we went down for a promotional tour with the team. I took two pros with me and four amateurs and we did at least, I'd say 10 exhibitions down there. We skated all different kinds of bowls. There's so many city places down there. There's like city

recreation parks that the city has put up and ther's 10 times as many places to skate there as here. 10 times as many. You don't see as many good skaters because it's actually just starting to grow there. It's real expensive for a kid to get a good skateboard over there. That might even be a little bit of a part of not seeing so many good skaters. A lot of kids probably can't afford the equipment on a regular basis, if they were skating every day.

EV- So, do you have plans for the future as far as traveling?

ML- Yeah, we're planning on doing Europe at the beginning of next year with a tour of Europe and then, uh, in between that we'll be hitting a lot of major contests in the U.S. and also doing exhibitions up and down the East Coast. Hopefully, within the next year, if the company continues to grow the way it's going, I would like to get out to California and do some promotions out there.

EV- What kind of goals do you have for yourself?

ML- Basically, right now, my number 1 goal is to make the company successful, We're still in a struggling stage. We've only been around for a couple of years now. A couple of more years of hard work & clubbing our name & just growing. Once the company is successful, hopefully the company will start running itself in a year or so and I'd like to do a contest. I don't want to do the full pro circuit, it's just too much. But, I wouldn't mind doing a few contests to let people know I'm still skating. I'll be doing a lot of demos and my main goal is to have the company running real good and have a house with a ramp in the back yard that I can retire skating on. Skate in my backyard 'til I can't skate no more, 'til my body gives way.

EV- I don't think that will be anytime soon from the way it sounds.

ML- The only thing that would make me quit soon would be an injury, a major injury that wouldn't heal. Something that would stop me from skating. The only thing I worry about is knees. That's about my only worry, everything else in my body's great. My knees are a little bit weak.

EV- I think that comes with the territory.

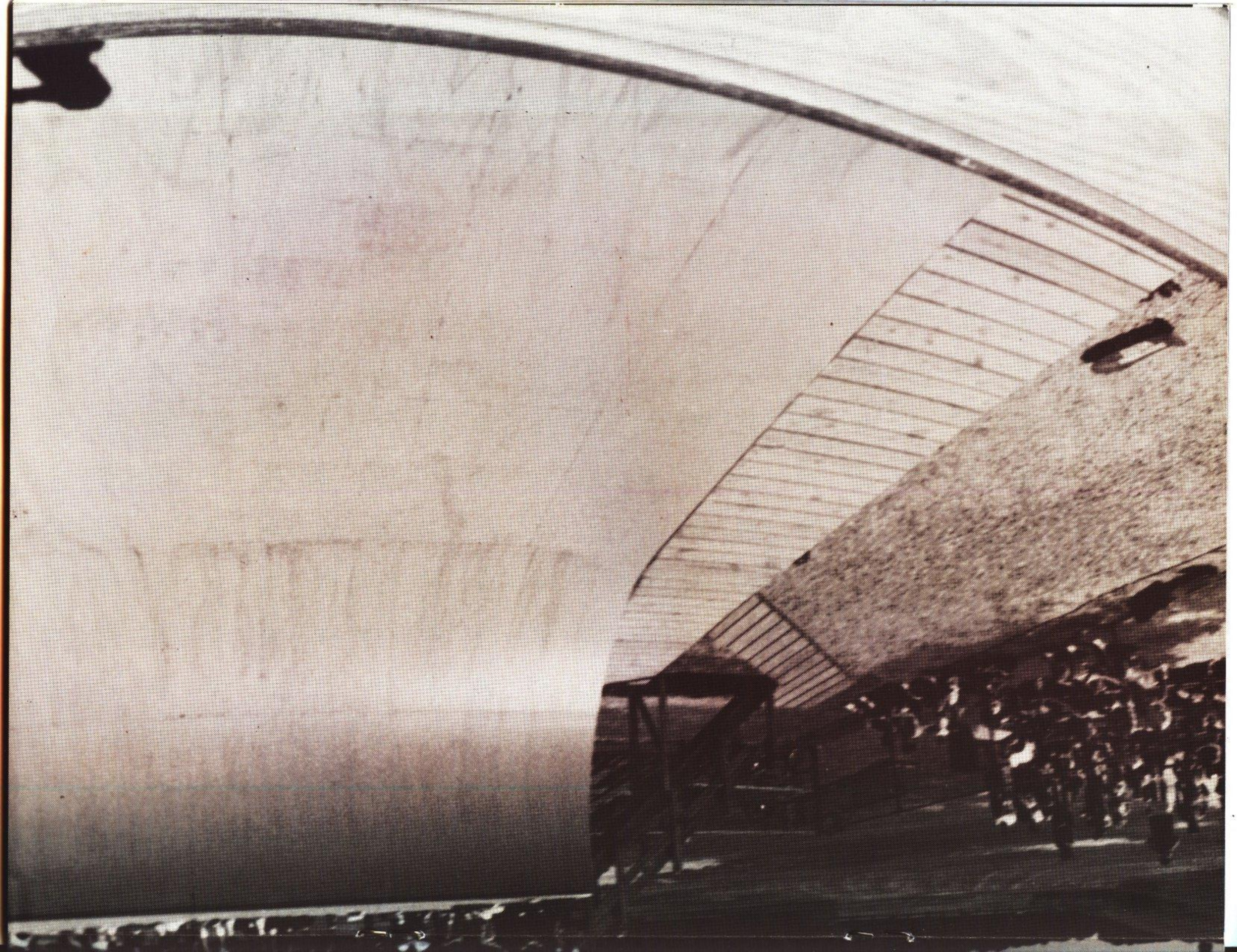
ML- Yeah, I'm surprised they lasted this long.

EV- Well, that's about all I've got. Any advice for skaters out there? Maybe for someone who is just learning to ride a ramp.

ML- Don't give up. Don't give up if there is somebody better than you. Don't be intimidated by it. Take it as a learning experience. Learn from the people that are better than you. Then, one day there will be people learning from you.

***EASTERN VERT would like to thank Mark for doing this interview and we will be seeing him soon in Florida.

***EASTERN VERT would also like to add a special thanks to STEVE GAIOLINI for sending us the photos.



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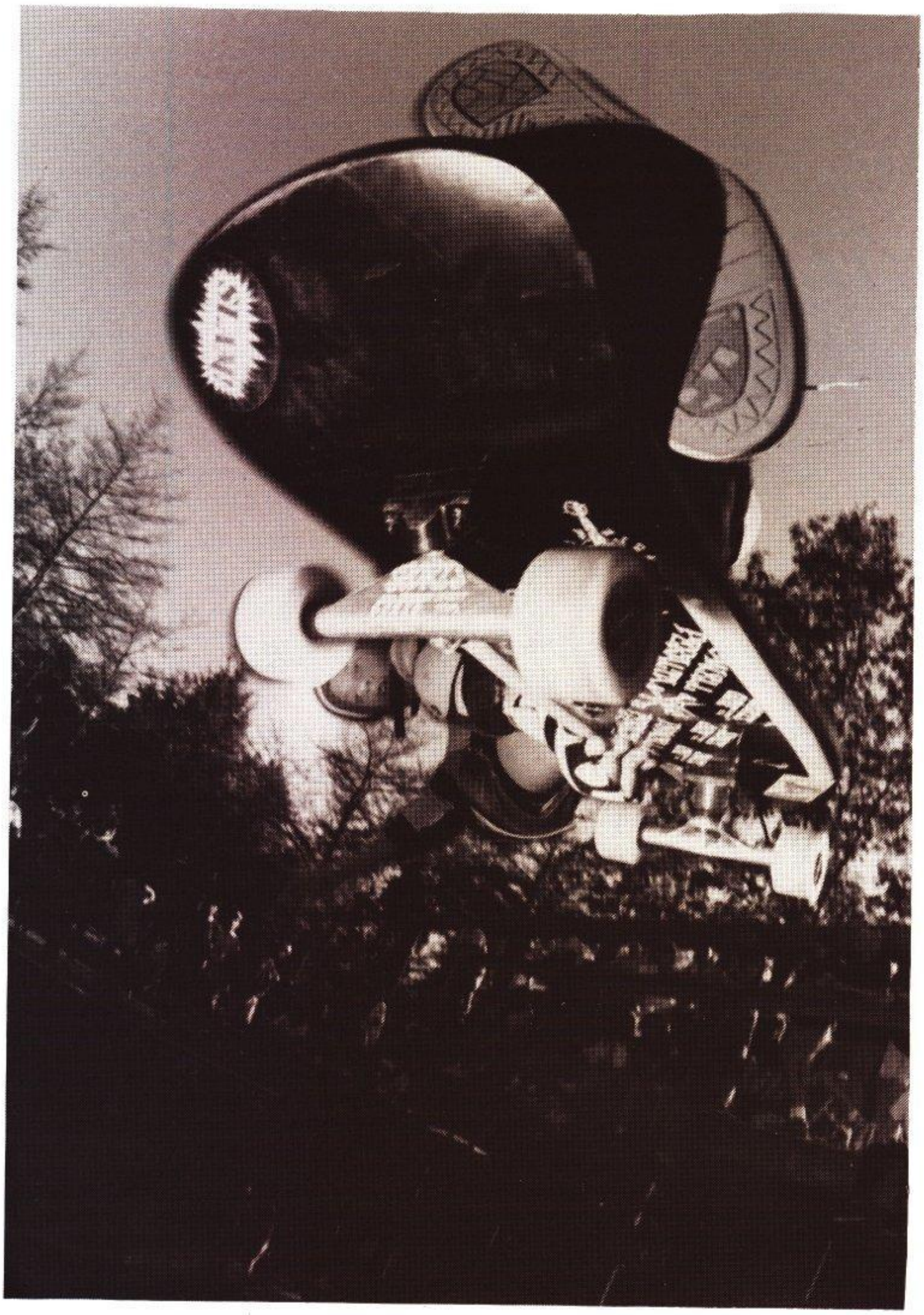
EV- First of all, how old are you and how long have you been skating?

BL- I'm 16 years old and I'll be 17 December 3rd. I've been skating for almost four years now.



EV- Where did you start skating, like local spots?

BL- I started skating at Fishermans' Inn, Hell Ramp, um, I started skating around when that was built, and I just picked up a lot of tricks real fast.

EV- So where do you skate now that Hell Ramp is gone?

BL- I either go to Cedar Crest, Cheapskates, or California.

EV- So, did you just get back from a tour?

BL- Yeah, and filming the new video. I went to Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Maryland, yeah, just all around the East Coast.

EV- What about the video. Was that fun?

BL- Yeah, I did the new video at Lances'. I stayed with Chet, and Chet filmed the video, and Stacey. It went pretty good. Lances' is a rad ramp.

EV- Who are all your sponsors?

BL- Powell, Tracker, Skate Rags, Airwalk, Flap Jax Pads, Sports Elite, and Shark watches.

EV- Do they all treat you well?

BL- Yeah.

EV- How about helping with traveling and stuff?

BL- Well, Powell and Tracker does my traveling and everyone else just flows equipment.

EV- What about street skating? Do you skate anything besides ramps?

BL- Yeah, I've been spending a lot of time on mini-ramp and street. Whenever I skate vert, it just comes back to me, no matter how long it's been. I learn new tricks by the end of the day, but it helps to skate with some good people that day.

EV- Well, who do you like to skate with?

BL- I like skating with Kentucky (Brian Boyd) and Buster a lot because they are real cool.

EV- What about ramps, what are some of your favorites?

BL- Well, Lances' is one of my favorites along with the Crest, of course, Cheapskates and Fallbrook.

EV- Since you've been to California, could you tell any difference in the scenes on the West Coast and the East Coast?

BL- 'Zines, like magazines?

EV- No, scenes, is it any different?

BL- Oh, scenes. Yeah, a lot of people out in California are real advanced in skateboarding. I saw little kids at McGills' skatepark and they were ripping.

EV- Like mini-ramps and stuff?

BL- Yeah, but if you ask them to go skate vert, they can't do anything. It's funny.

EV- Are they scared of vert?

BL- Um, yeah, I would guess so, but they try. I just wish they would skate vert. You don't see too many people skating vert now, it's mini-ramp and street.

EV- So that's what it is, just a lot of kids fully rageing out there?

BL- I guess that's the trend right now. Mini-ramp and street.

EV- What happened at Ocean City?

BL- It was kind of all a misunderstanding. I was skating at the wrong time and Dave Crabb was in a bad mood, and I just got disqualified.

EV- Are they gonna let you skate in Florida?

BL- I think it's a chance of me skating in Florida. I'm going there and if I can't skate in the contest, I'm just gonna skate local spots and maybe a park or something. I'm going to Alabama for the mini-ramp contest.

EV- What kind of tricks do you like to do on vert?

BL- I just learned the stalefish McTwist, and a 360 verial to fakie, also ollie blunts, and ollie to feeble grinds. I just want to learn to skate fast and consistent.

EV- Future plans?

BL- I want to do well in contests, like I said skate fast and consistent. Turn pro along the line for vert and mini-ramp, possibly street. I'd like to be good in all of them.

EV- They gave you a lot of coverage in the Public Domain video. Was that fun?

BL- It just seemed like Danny Way got all the credit. I mean, he wasn't even on the team that long. I'm not gonna rag on Danny, though cuz he is a good guy. I liked it though, it was fun.

EV- What do you think about the trends with tricks, all the hard lip tricks?

BL- I like 'em, that's the thing to do.

EV- What kind of ramp do you like to skate?

BL- Um, anything with smooth transitions, because if it's kinky it affects the way I skate real bad. I can't really flow on kinked transitions.

EV- Do you ever skate pools?

BL- I've been skating pools a little. This past summer I skated pools about six times. It was the first time.

EV- Parks? Do you like cruizing around concrete parks?

BL- Just Landsdowne. Landsdowne is real fun. It's closed, but it's still fun to skate there. Just have loose trucks.

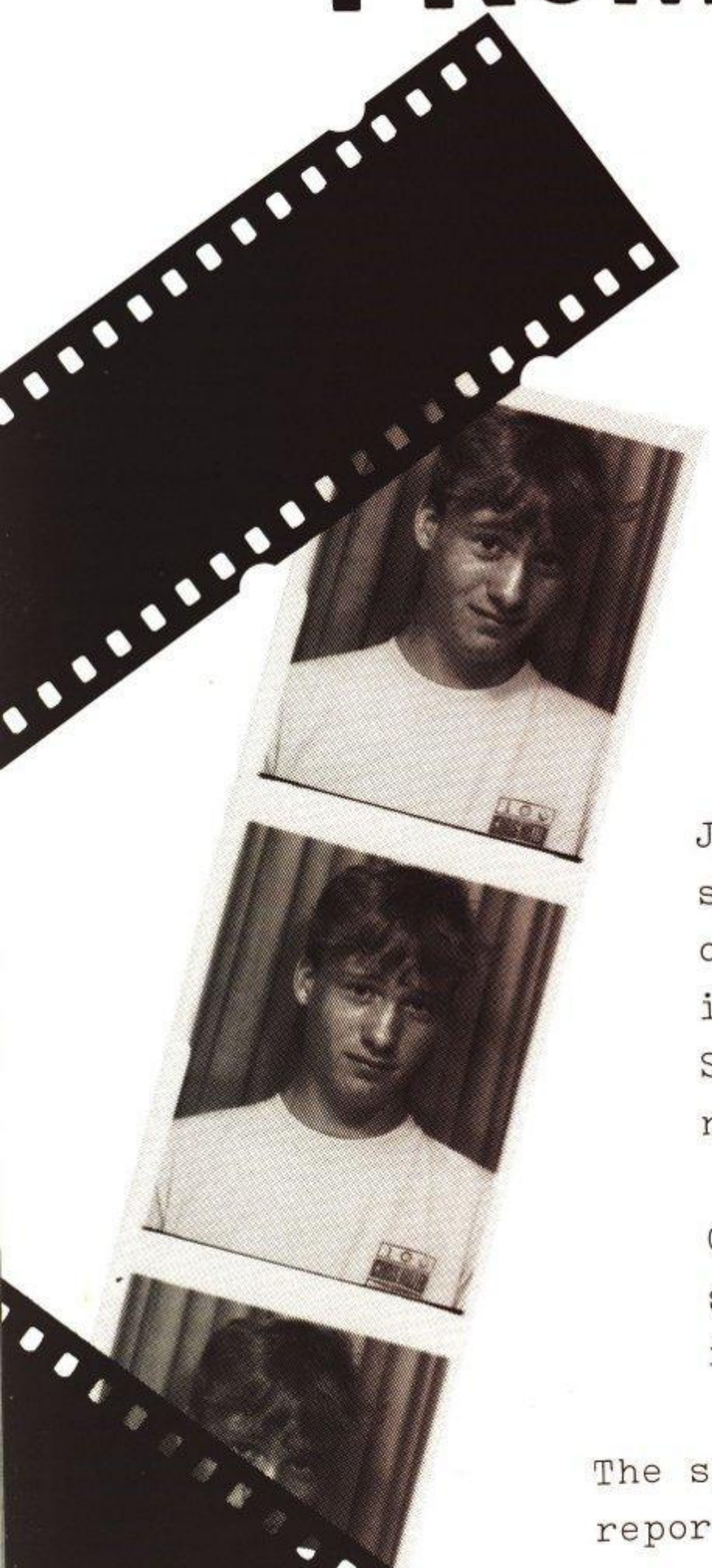
EV- Any closing comments?

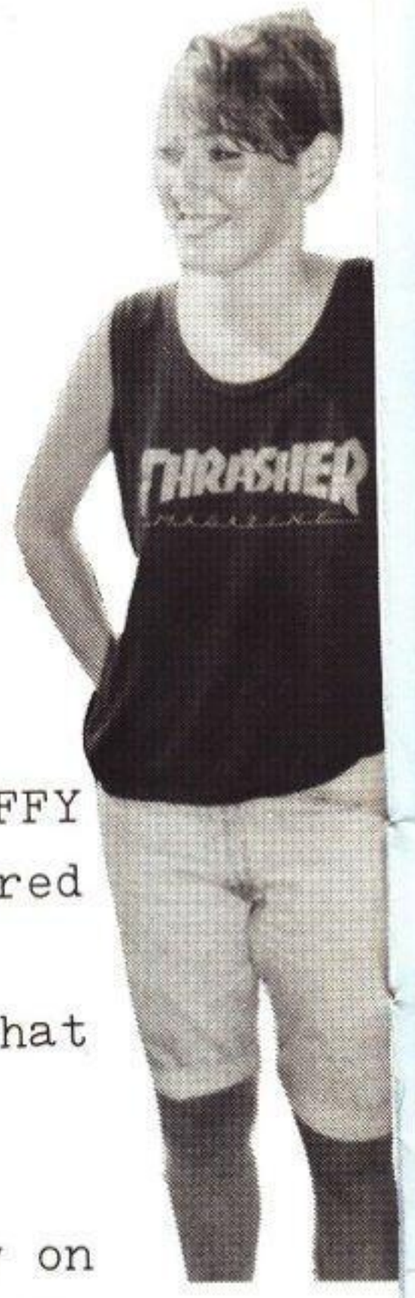
BL- Just stick to it. Go balls out all the time.

***EASTERN VERT thanks Bucky for this interview. It took us longer than expected to track him down, due to his travels this summer. Hopefully by the time this issue hits the stores well have more photos of him from Florida.

***Thanks also to Keith A. Vendouern for the hot shots from Chesapeake.

BULLCHIPS FROM THE FIELD





While in Georgia to view the Skateboard Connection contest, BUFFY (Jay Henry & Shannons' dog) suffered an unfortunate blow when she was found with a serious leg injury that happened while Jay slept.

More Team switching. BRIAN BOYD is now on Santa Cruz & Skate Rags. BUSTER HALTERMAN is now riding for Schmitt Stix.

JEFF GROSSO and JOHN LUCERO known for switching teams often are both rumored to be on Vision. Along the same line, while filming for the new Vision video at CCCC, JOHN SHULTES was seen doing switch-stance airs no-handed.

On the surgery list are KENTUCKY for shoulder problems and possibly NEAL HENDRIX for a gnarly hip.

The spot update this month includes reports of STONEDGE II to be built in Orlando, FLA. and also an indoor park in Atlanta.

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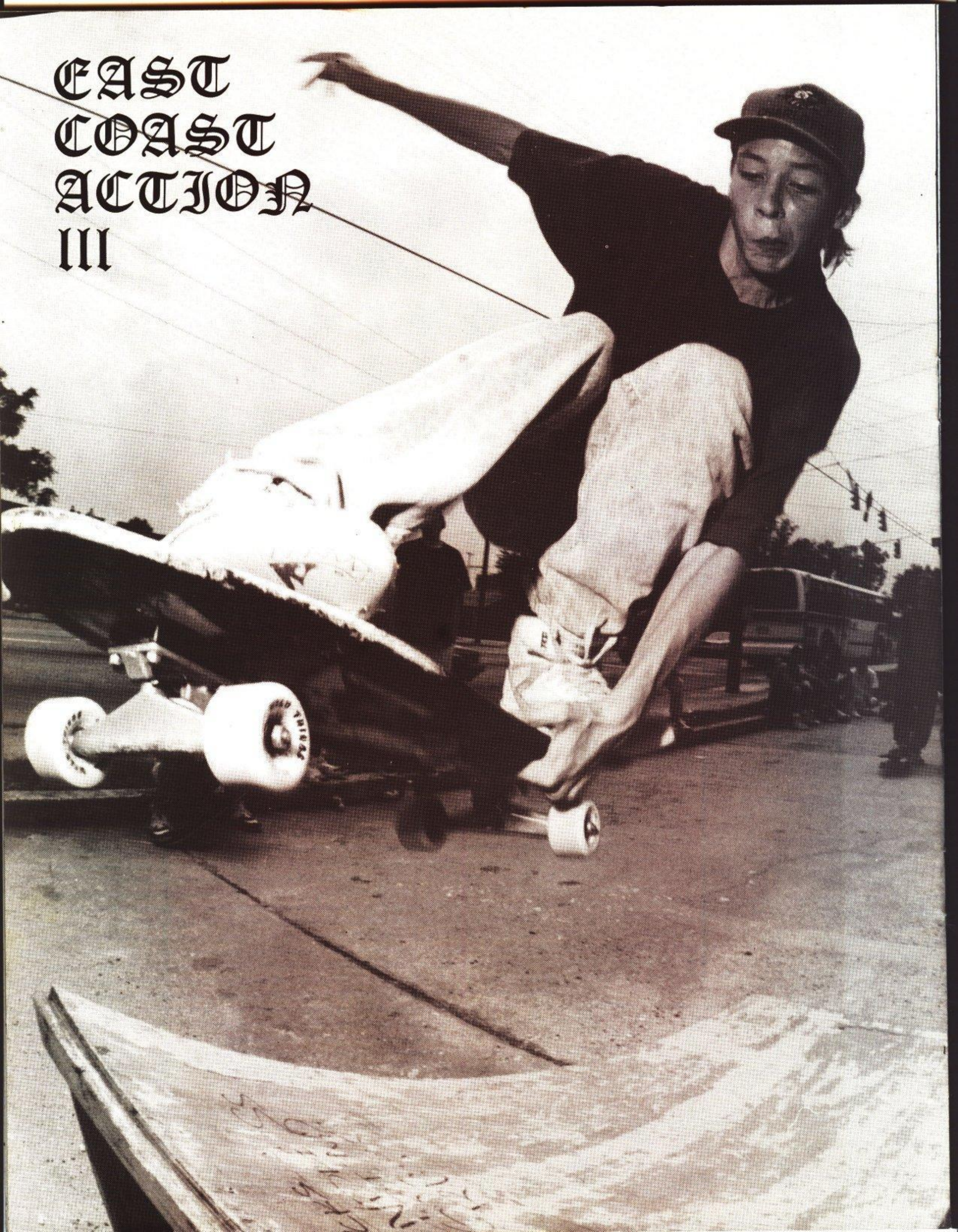

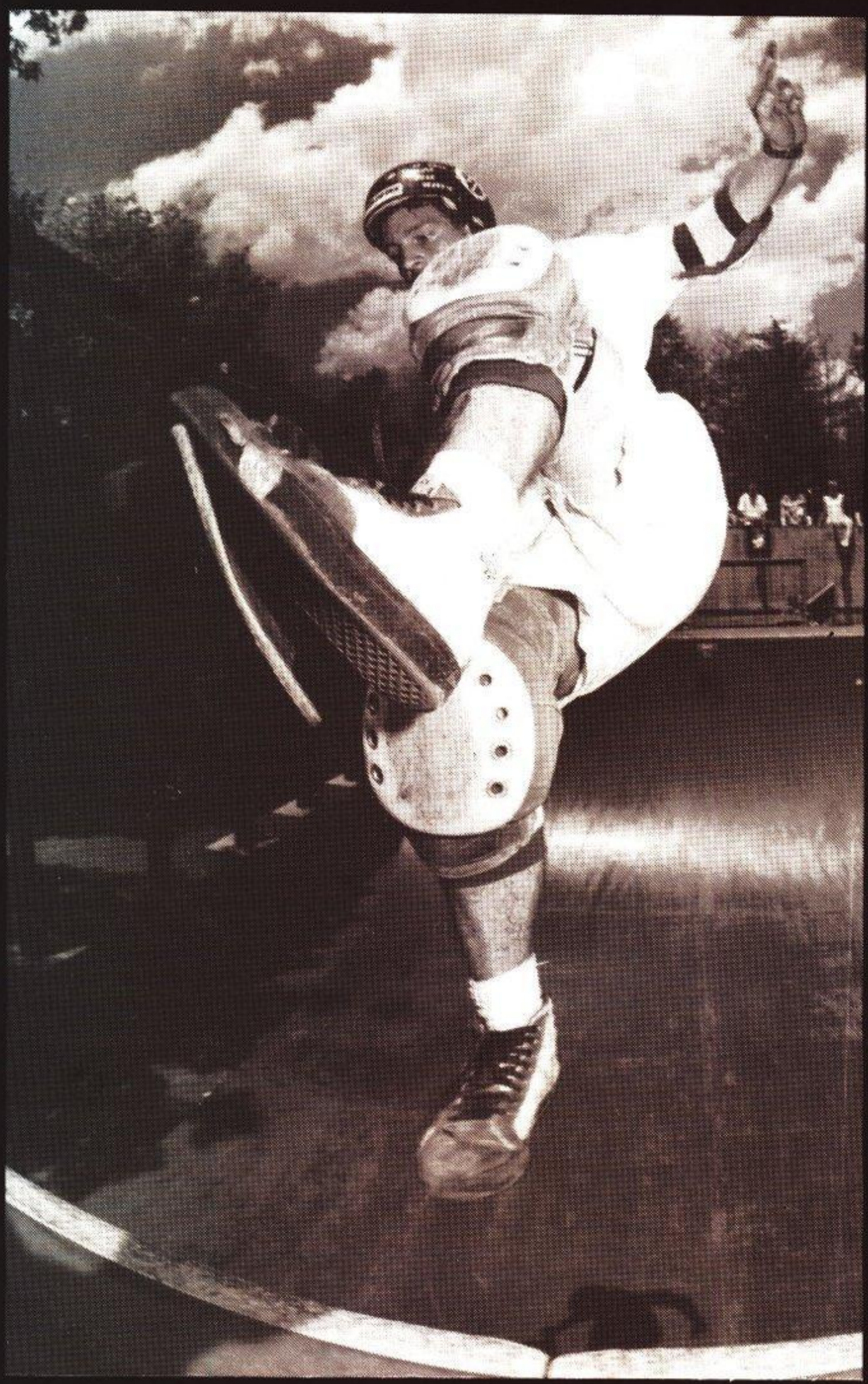

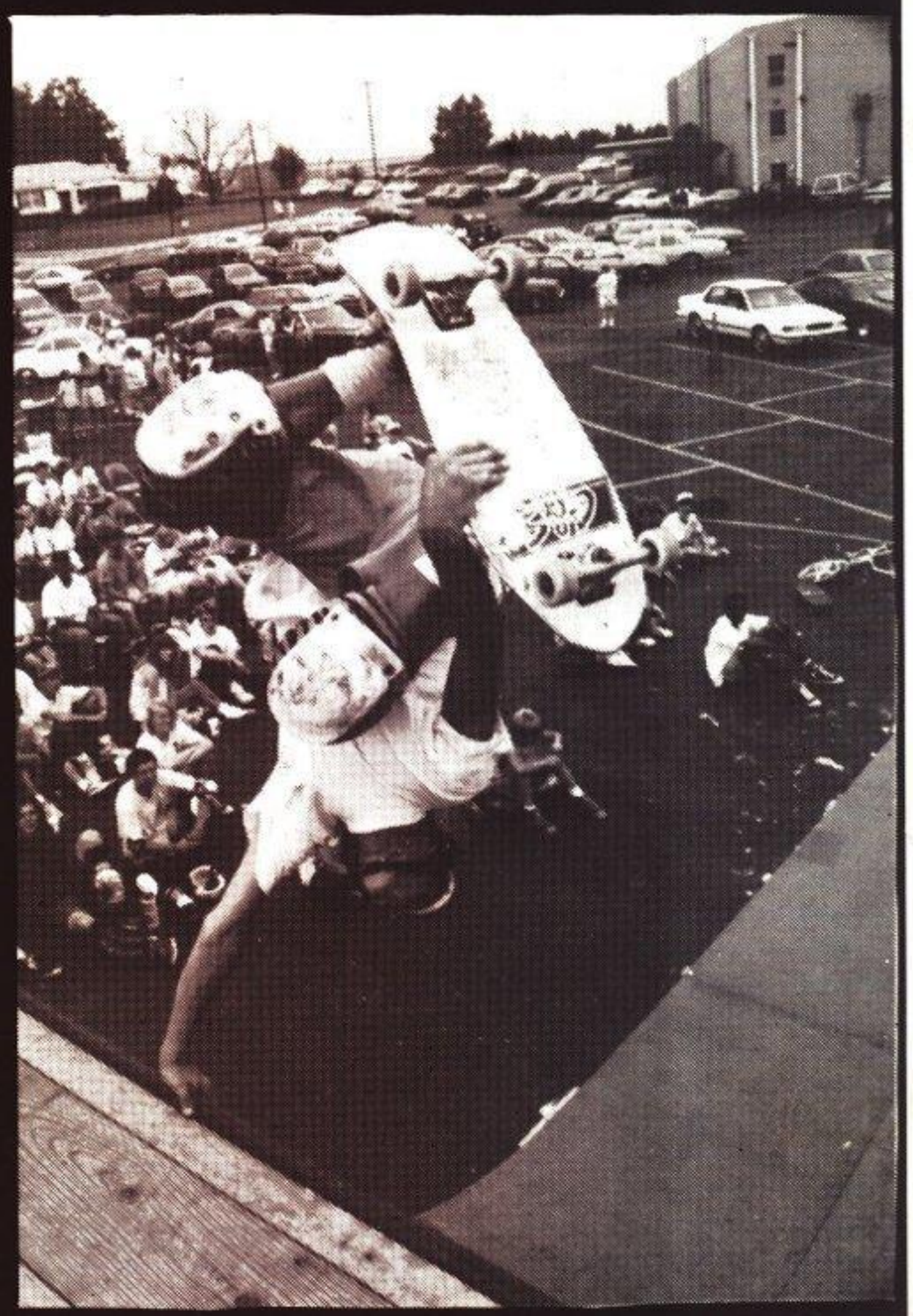

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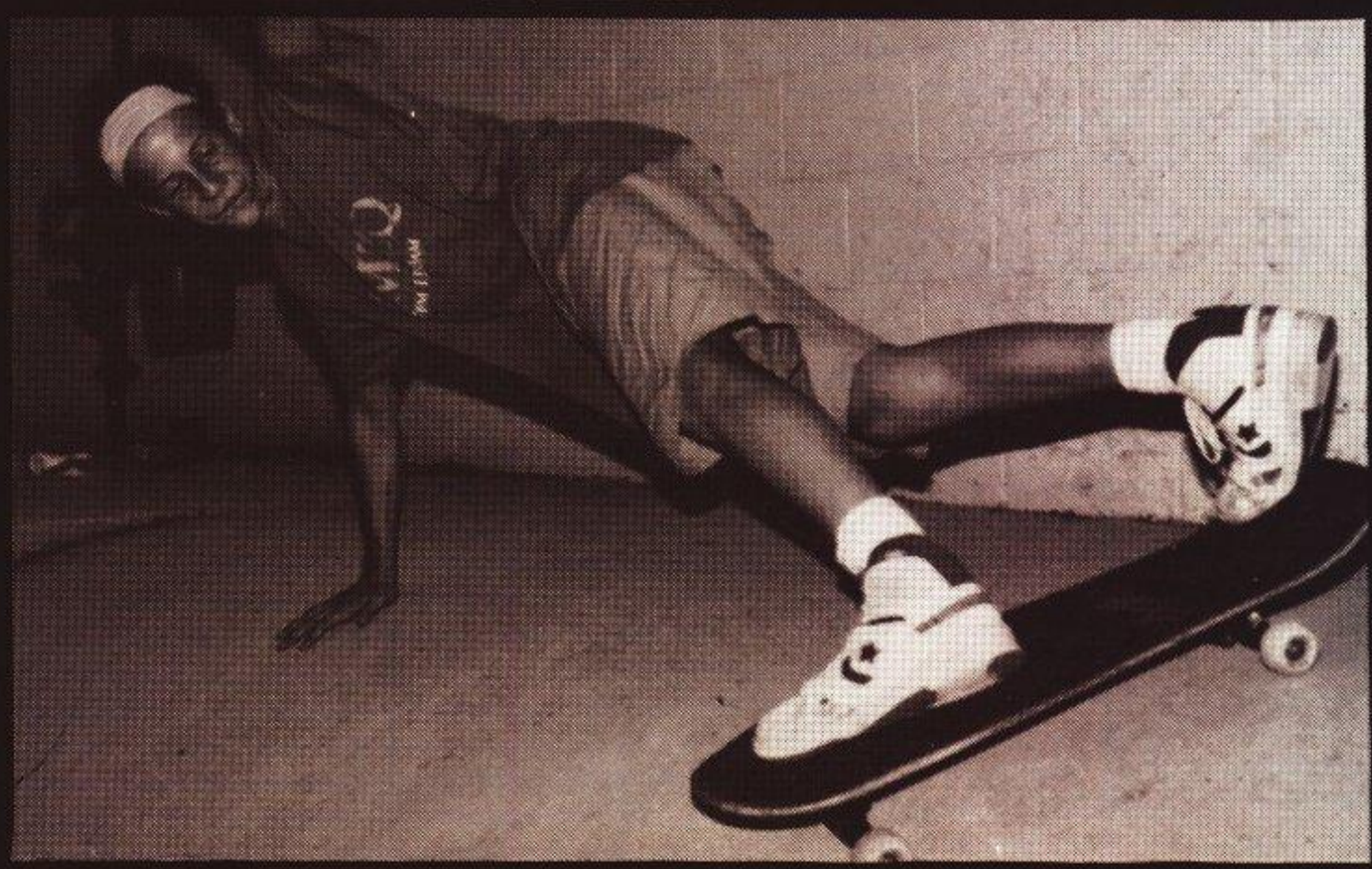

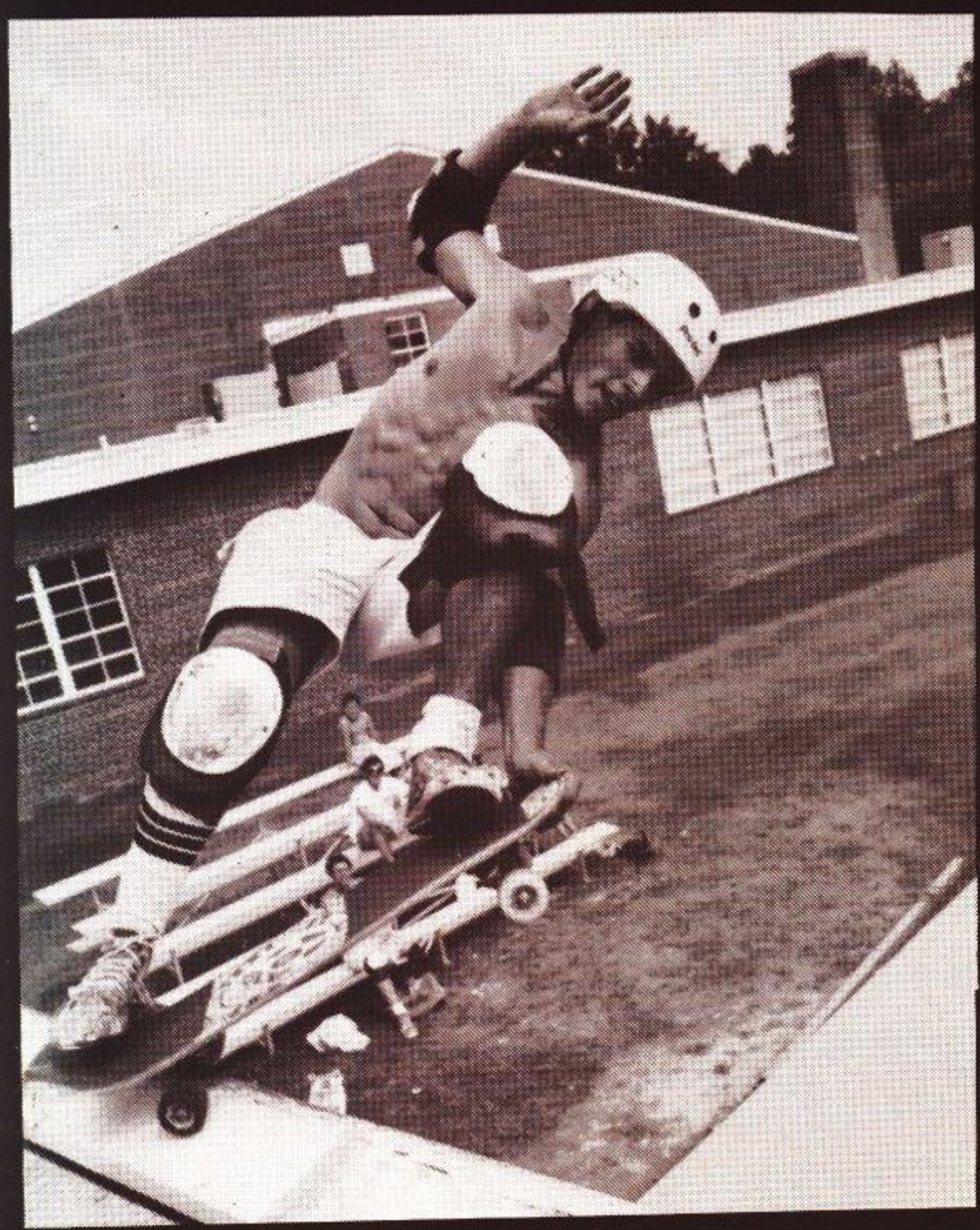

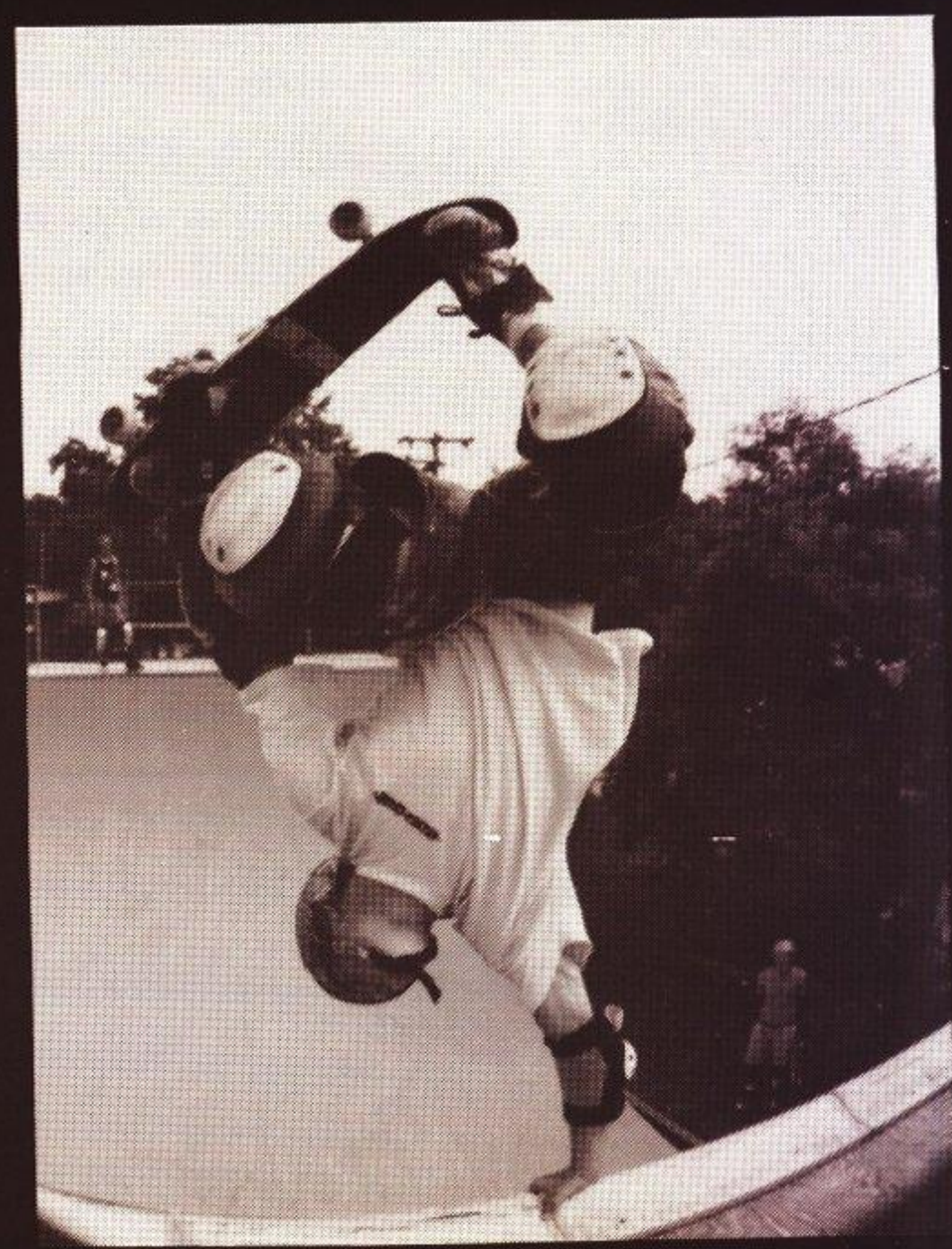

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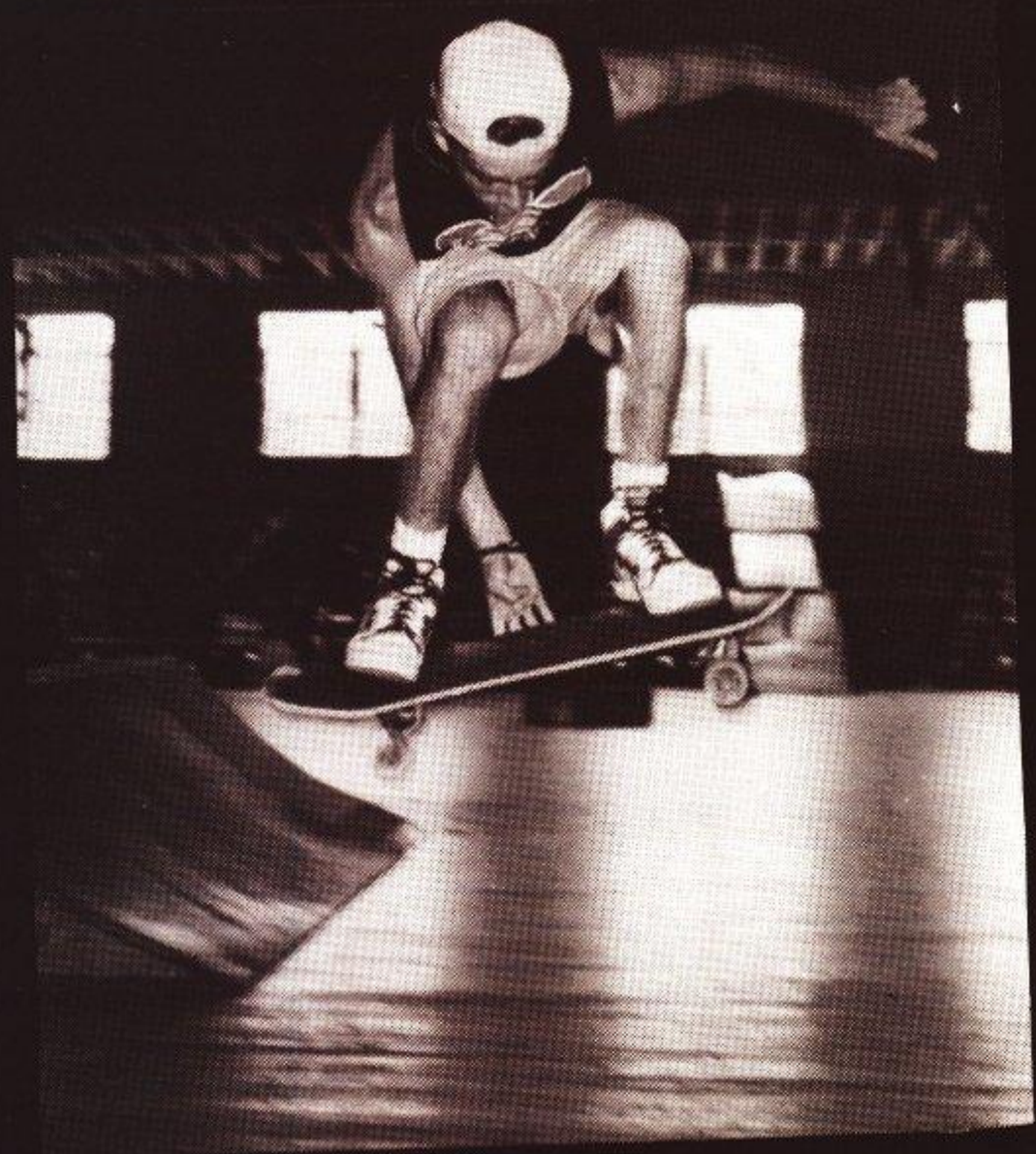
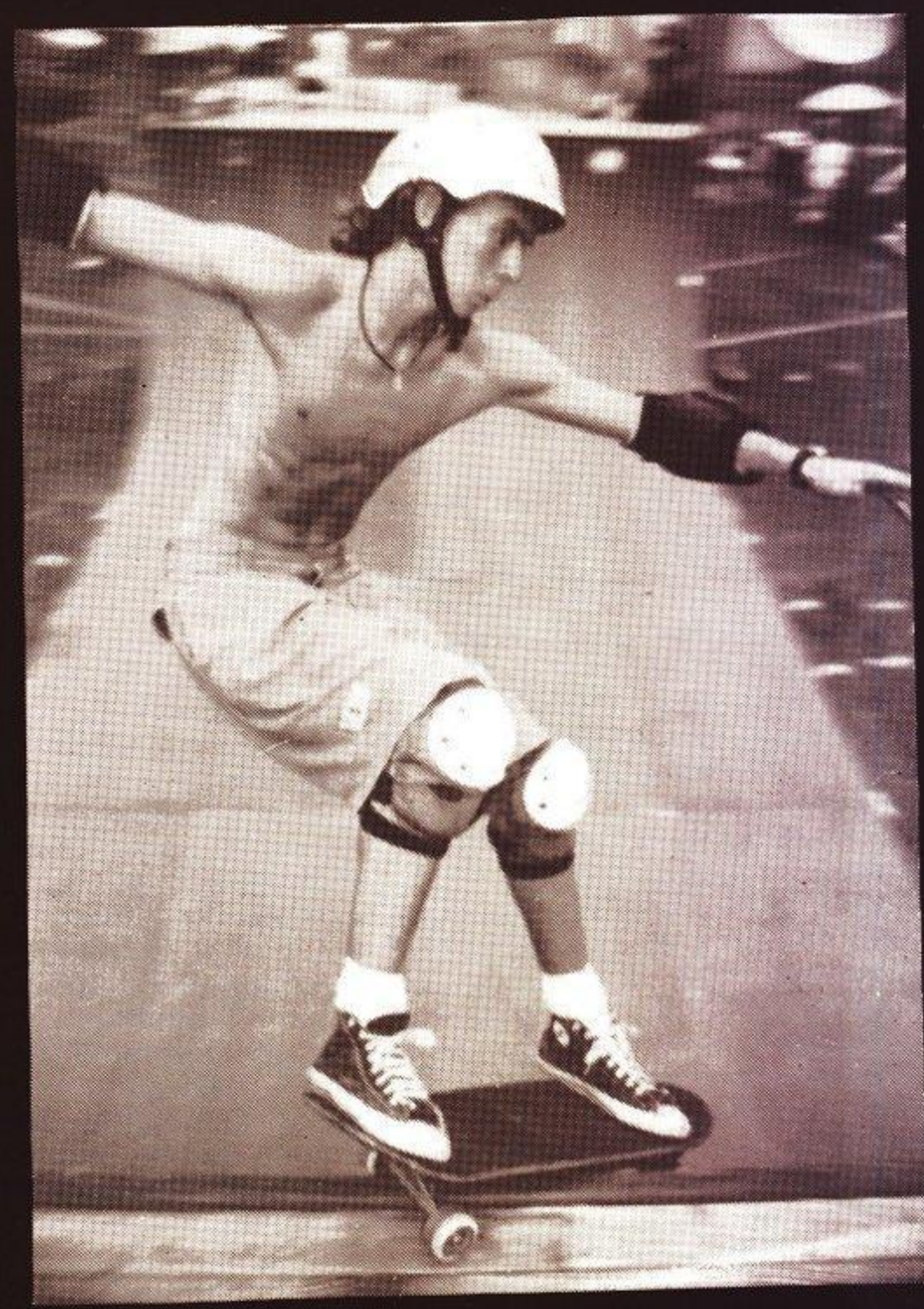




CONTEST RESULTS

PLATA GRANDE—RICHMOND, VA, AUG. 26-27

The Plata Grande Street Contest held in Richmond, VA was another in the 17th Street Contest Series. Here are the results:

PLATA GRANDE STREET CONTEST FINAL RESULTS:

SPONSORED:

1. PEP MARTINEZ
2. KIM NYGUEN
3. RICHARD FACCON
4. BLAKE CASZON
5. ALEX COPELAND

2A:

1. NICK BUCKHOLTZ
2. MIKE NEELEY
3. TRAVIS HOWARD
4. MIKE HUNT
5. LONNIE PEOPLES

1A:

1. CLARK FRALEY
2. BRIAN FEMING
3. JOHN WATKINSON
4. JOHN SCHICK
5. HENRY WATTON

WE NEED MORE CONTEST INFO!! If you know of an upcoming contest, you better call us and let us know. Don't assume we already know. You know what happens when you a-s-s-u-m-e.

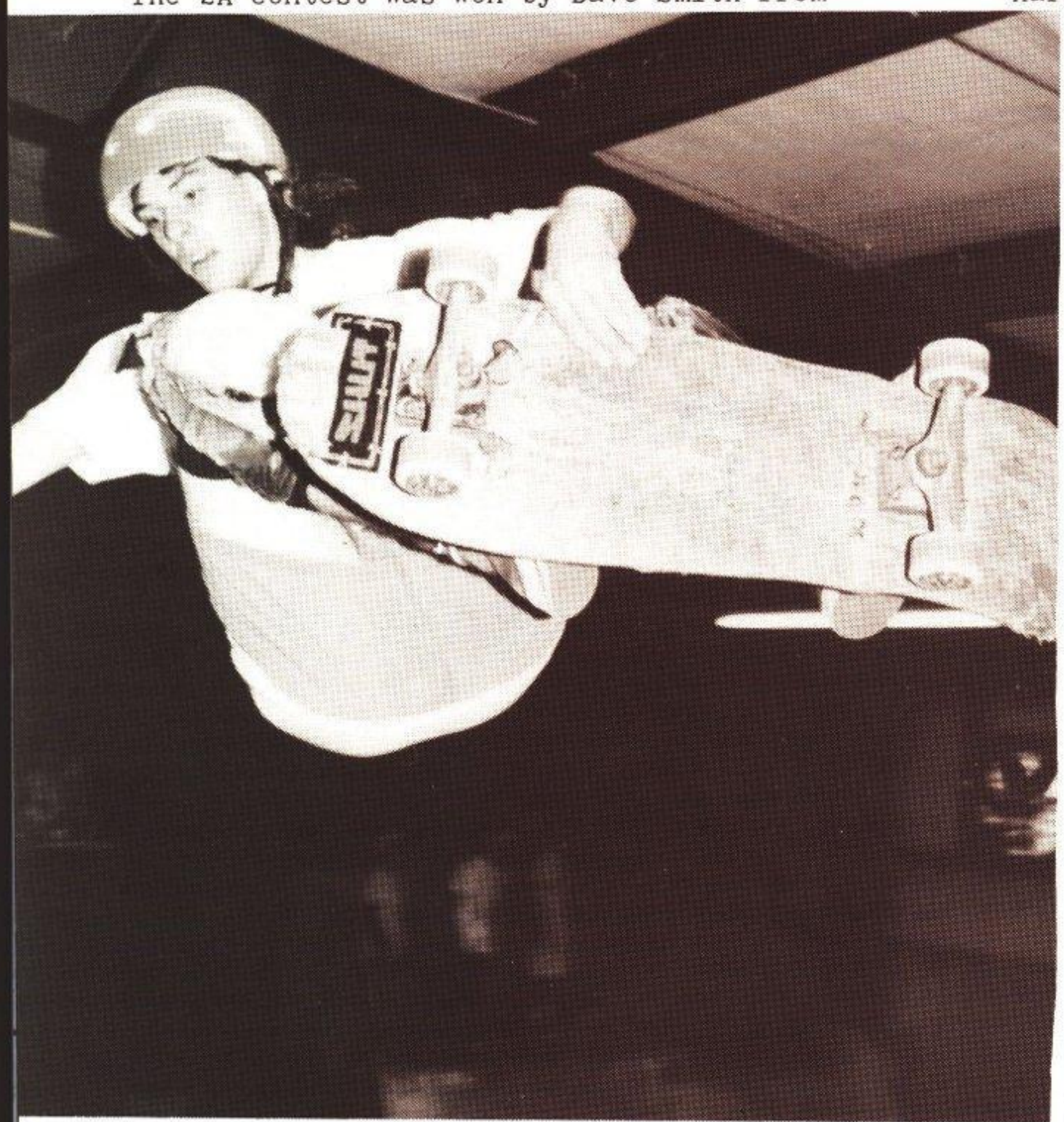
SKATEBOARD CONNECTION, AUG. 19-20

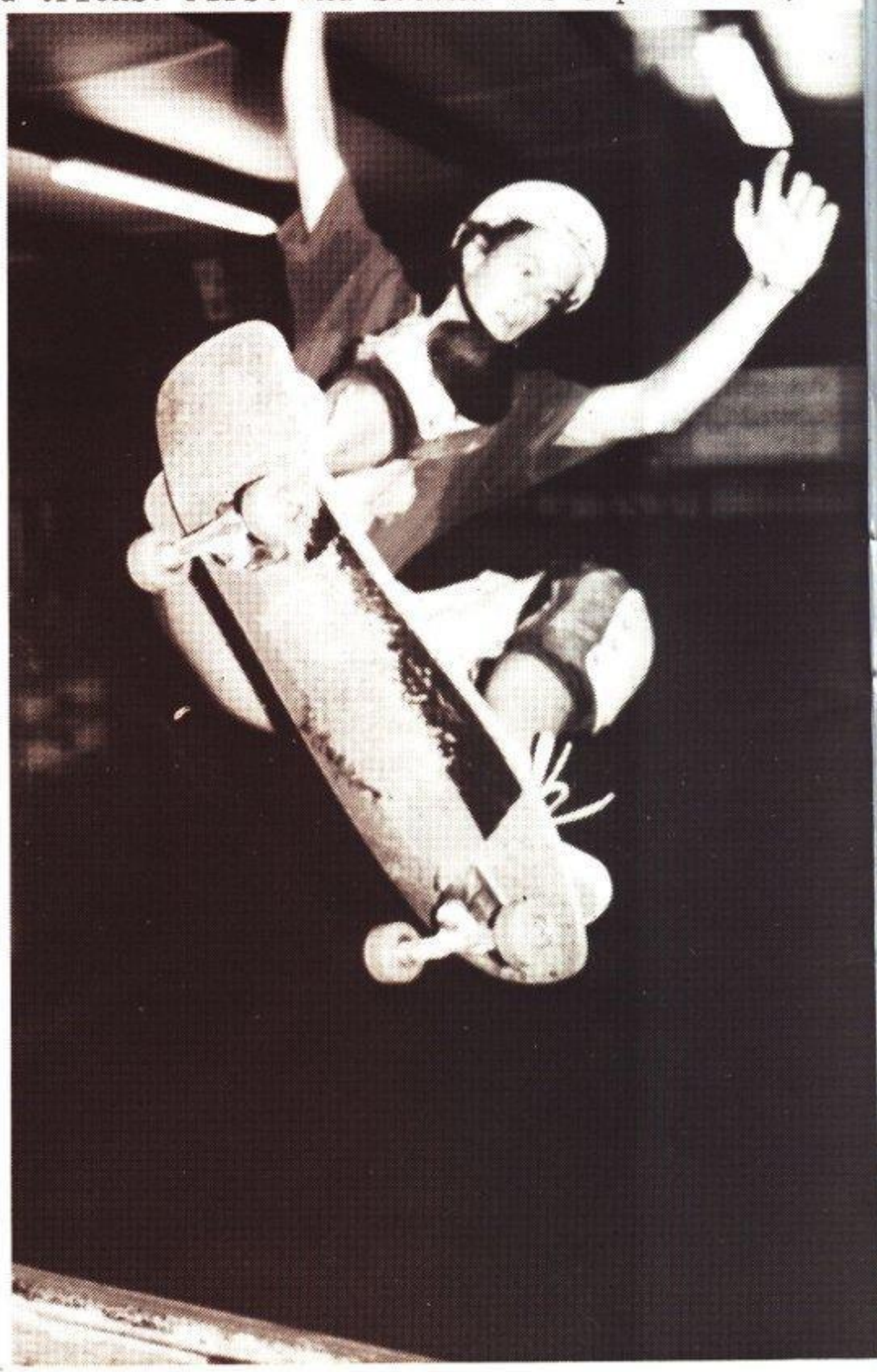
Written by: NEAL HENDRIX
Photos by: B.K. WILLARD

Skateboard Connection, near Augusta, Ga., was our destination, and after skating Transitions Skatepark in Greenville, S.C., we arrived in Augusta on Friday to practice for that weekends contest. A verticle and mini-ramp contest were to be held in the indoor skatepark. A few out-of-towners arrived Friday, but most would come Saturday morning. A laid-back management (Alva skater Mark Gee runs the park) allowed us to skate a couple of hours after closing time. Anyway, Mark let us park the R-V by the warehouse, so we slept by somebody's demo ramp on a trailer. (Don't ask me)

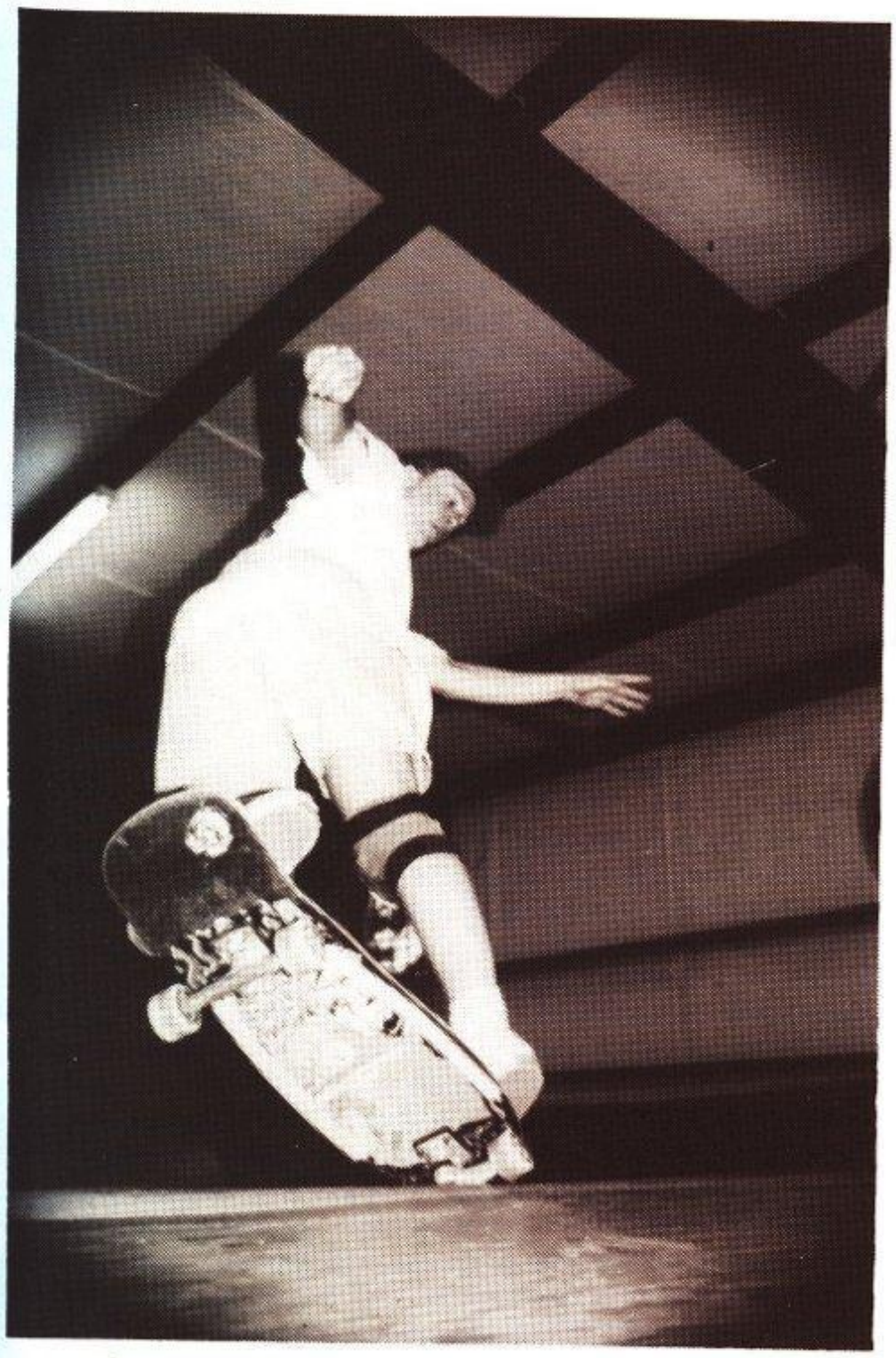
So, Saturday was mini-ramp day and everyone tried to get used to the ramps dimensions. One side had an 8 ft. roll-in (good for slides) and the other side had a 2 foot death box (good to hang up in) The 1A and 2A contest went down good with some unique announcing by Jay Henry. The 2A contest was won by Dave Smith from Atlanta who did all the fun lip tricks like fakie 270 to feeble, etc. Anthony Furlong is a 10 year old skater (& Mark Gees' brother) and this kid is definately ripping. Hurricanes and lipslides over the box were done by this little sk8 punk.

Only 5 people had signed up for the sponsored division of the mini-ramp division so Mark told Sean Jones, Jesse Davis and Jay Henry they could skate without paying the entry fee. If you know these guys you'll know they skate mini-ramps any chance they get. (Ha, ha) So, they joined the fun. Rando grabbed the mike from Jay and took control. Jeff Hall is a nut. He did waist high airs to back axle, fully denting the coping, and an ollie from the mini on to the big ramp, landing on vert. He did other fast tricks and got 4th. Brian Howard ripped the small ramp with b-side ollies to roll-in and some hard tricks. First and Second was super close,



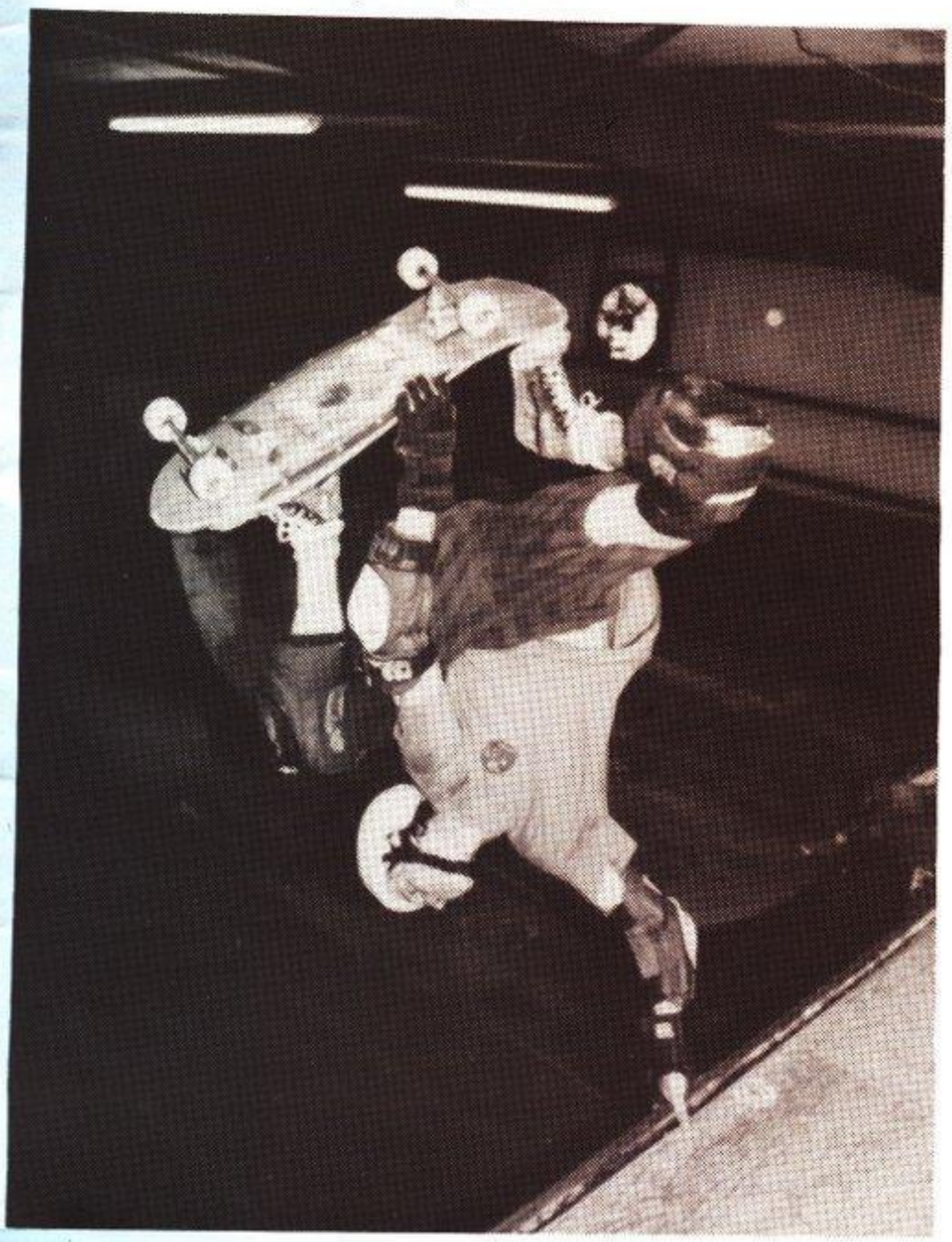


The Vert ramp winners, DAVE SMITH and BRIAN HOWARD (at right)



Mike Sinclair nosepickin' to
1st, um, I mean 2nd on the mini.

Jimmy Leaphart



(a tenth of a point) but I think I won because I had on a helmet and Mike Sinclair wears lowtop shoes. He still did ollie blunts, super long feeble grinds and backside smiths. I was stoked because Mike didn't beat me up cuz he should have won.

Everyone got lots of sleep (Yeah, right) and Sunday was the big day for the vert contest. The organizers combined 1A and 2A because so many shredders entered 1A. (To win prizes, maybe) Anyway the top 2 was the same as in the mini with Dave Smith winning again. On vert, Dave did roast beef airs, feebles on extension, smith grinds, and more. Definately sponsored material. Anthony used his home turf advantage to 2nd with hurricanes an extension and fakie to stale-fish. Yep, the kid's 10 years old.

The sponsored division was pretty close all the way around, but unfortunately, Mark Gee fell and hurt his wrist on a practice run. Speaking of injuries, Jamie Alcorn from Florida ripped hard considering he had broken ribs. Jay Henry had a hard time adapting to the small amount of vert but did invert to extension and airs at the roof. Jeff Hall again attacked the ramp and killed it with ollie to lipslide on extension, speedy front-side 50-50's, smith grinds, and hurricane grinds, all at mach 5. The roof kept Sean Jones' airs to only 6 1/2 feet, (only) and if he would have made that McTwist they would have stopped the contest and given him 1st place. 2nd place went to myself because Brian Howard did a backside air-kick the board into your hand-airwalk-kick your feet around-pull the board away like your gonna kneeslide-throw it under your feet again-and land it on his last run. You had to be there. He also did ollie reverts, stalefish, backside smiths, lipslides, and a lean to disaster on extension. Some rad prizes were given out and a sticker toss happened, but the contest is over and we're otta here.

FULL CONTEST RESULTS ON NEXT PAGE

SKATEBOARD CONNECTION CONTEST FINAL RESULTS:

MINI-RAMP:

SPONSORED:

1. NEAL HENDRIX 103.6 pts
2. MIKE SINCLAIR 103.5 pts
3. BRIAN HOWARD 97.4 pts
4. JEFF HALL 96.2 pts
5. MARK GEE
6. SEAN JONES
7. JESSE DAVIS
8. JAY HENRY

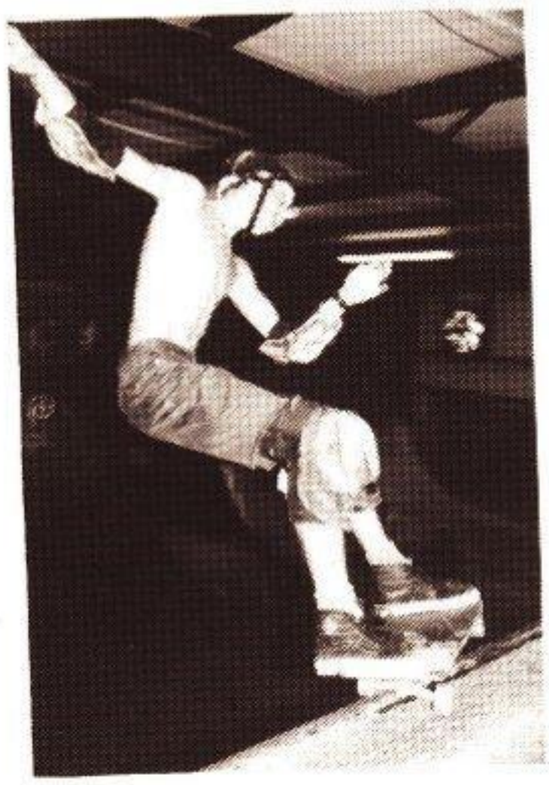
2A:

1. DAVE SMITH
2. ANTHONY FURLONG
3. JEFF BYRD
4. B.J. CLIFFORD
5. DAVID WALKER
6. SCOTT SCHRODER
7. MIKE TOKARSKA
8. RANDO
9. REYNOLDS WRIGHT

JEFF HALL

1A:

1. JOHN ORTEGA
2. DON WALKER
3. JOHN WILLIAMS
4. RON HEWITT
5. MARK McMILLAN
6. JOHN NEWSOME



JAMIE ALCORN

VERTICAL RAMP:

SPONSORED:

1. BRIAN HOWARD 35.5 pts
2. NEAL HENDRIX 35.0 pts
3. SEAN JONES 31.5 pts
4. JEFF HALL 30.0 pts
5. JAY HENRY
6. JAMIE ALCORN
7. JIMMY LEAPHART
8. WILLIE DICKINSON
9. JESSE DAVIS

UNSPONSORED (1A + 2A):

1. DAVE SMITH
2. ANTHONY FURLONG
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4. KEITH DURDEN
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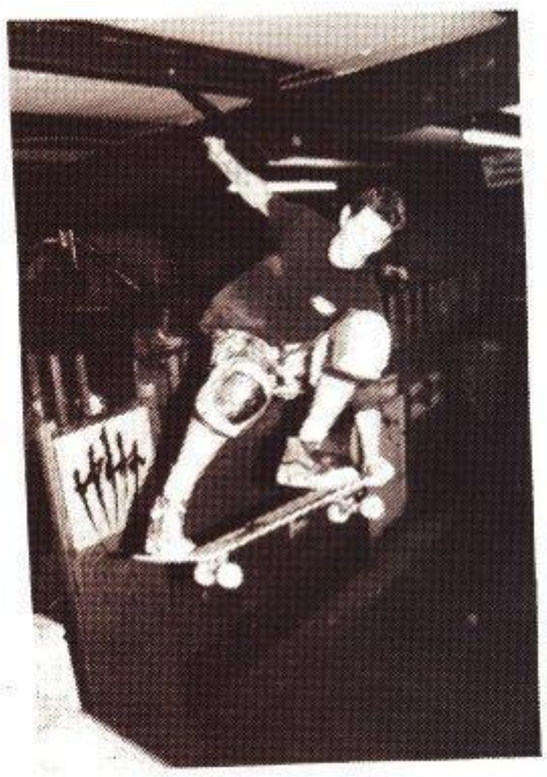

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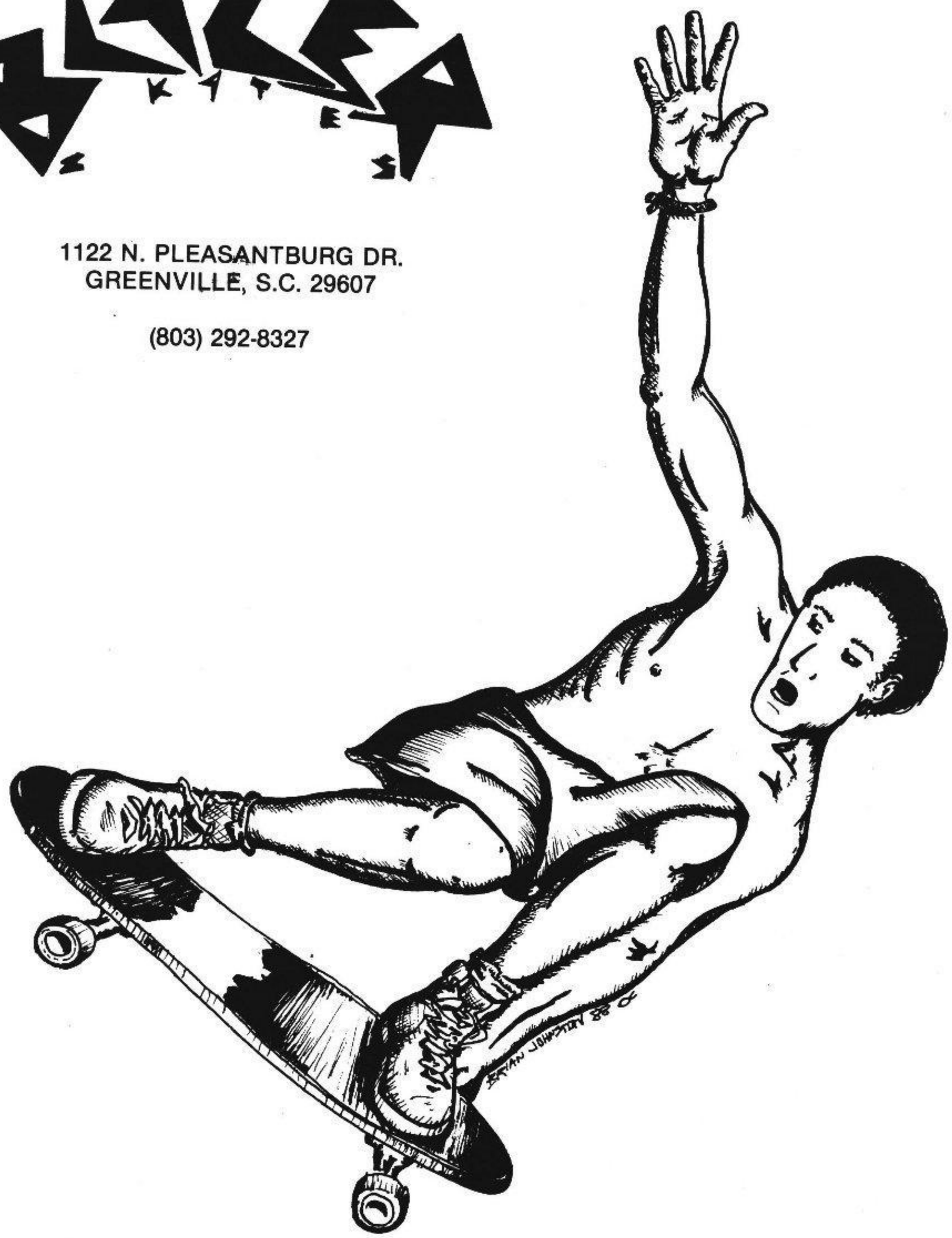

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